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Alton wins 45-vote majority after emotional debate

Battle ahead after abortion Bill victory

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A big parliamentary battle lies ahead for Mr David Alton's Abortion Bill despite the 45-vote majority it secured after an intense and emotional debate which divided the main parties in the Commons yesterday.

Mr Alton's opponents and many of the MPs who supported his Bill to reduce the legal limit for abortions from 28 to 18 weeks will now be fighting in committee to raise the limit to the 24 weeks favoured by the Prime Minister and many other ministers or perhaps to 22 weeks.

Many MPs supported Mr Alton yesterday on the understanding that there would be a compromise later in its passage through parliament.

The Bill , a striking victory for the anti-abortion campaign, also seems certain to be amended to allow exemptions for mothers of handicapped foetuses.

Mr Alton emphasized both during and after the debate that he would not be "intransigent" but will be unwilling, in view of his healthy majority, to grant all the concessions that are demanded.

He said last night that 200 MPs had wanted him to go further than he had.

It was being pointed out by his jubilant supporters that if the disability exemption is granted the case for raising the limit higher will be weakened, and vice versa.

However, they realize there will have to be amendment to get the Bill through, because many of the votes in favour were cast on that understanding.

The Bill was passed despite a warning from Mr Antony Newton, the Minister for Health, that it could lead as it stood to more severely handicapped children being born to mothers who might otherwise have had an abortion, and claims from many opponents that it would mean a return to the days of the backstreet abortions.

On a free vote, nine Cabinet ministers, including Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, voted for the Bill. None voted against, although Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the remainder abstained.

Thirty-six Labour MPs, many from Scotland including Mr John Smith, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, risked the displeasure of their colleagues and some left-wing constituency parties to depart from official party policy and voted for the Bill. Their votes could have killed the Bill.

Sixty-five Conservative MPs, including three ministers and Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, voted against the Bill.

It split the health department's ministerial team with Mr Moore, and Mr Michael Portillo voting for the Bill, Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, voting against, and Mr Newton and Mrs Edwina Currie abstaining.

The Bill will now go to a committee where Mr Alton will have a majority reflecting yesterday's vote. It is there that the votes in the disability exemption and higher time-limits will be taken.

If they fail to get through then fresh attempts are certain to be made when the Bill returns to the full House for its later stages.

The Commons was in its most attentive mood as Mr Alton, in an impressive speech praised by many of his opponents, said that public and parliamentary opinion now believed, in the light of medical and scientific advances since the 1967 Act, that there should be a clear upper time-limit beyond which abortions should not occur.

He told a Conservative MP that it would be "absolutely proper" for the committee to examine other time-limits.

If amendments were brought in, provided they did not emasculate his Bill beyond recognition, he would be happy to accept anything that could be done to rationalize the law.

Mr Alton said that by 18 weeks a baby was not just a lump of tissue or a blob of jelly; it could feel pain, it had a skeleton; it had reflexes.

Mr David Steel, architect of the 1967 Act, opposed the Bill but said that he supported the 24-week limit.

Mr Newton told MPs of his own lack of support. His speech, reflecting the Government's neutral line, seemed nevertheless to veer towards opposition.

He said that the practical effect of introducing a 24-week limit would be small. Had the Bill been in place in 1986 8,276 of the 172,000 abortions performed would not have taken place. Of those abortions 3,461 had been on foreigners.

Mr Newton said the Bill would not affect the vast majority of abortions that took place. It was unlikely that it would result in a return to the rate of backstreet abortions seen in the early 1960s.

He said the amniocentesis abnormality test was done from 16 weeks and sometimes needed to be repeated. Abortions stemming from the findings were seldom possible much before 20 weeks and could be as late as 24 weeks.

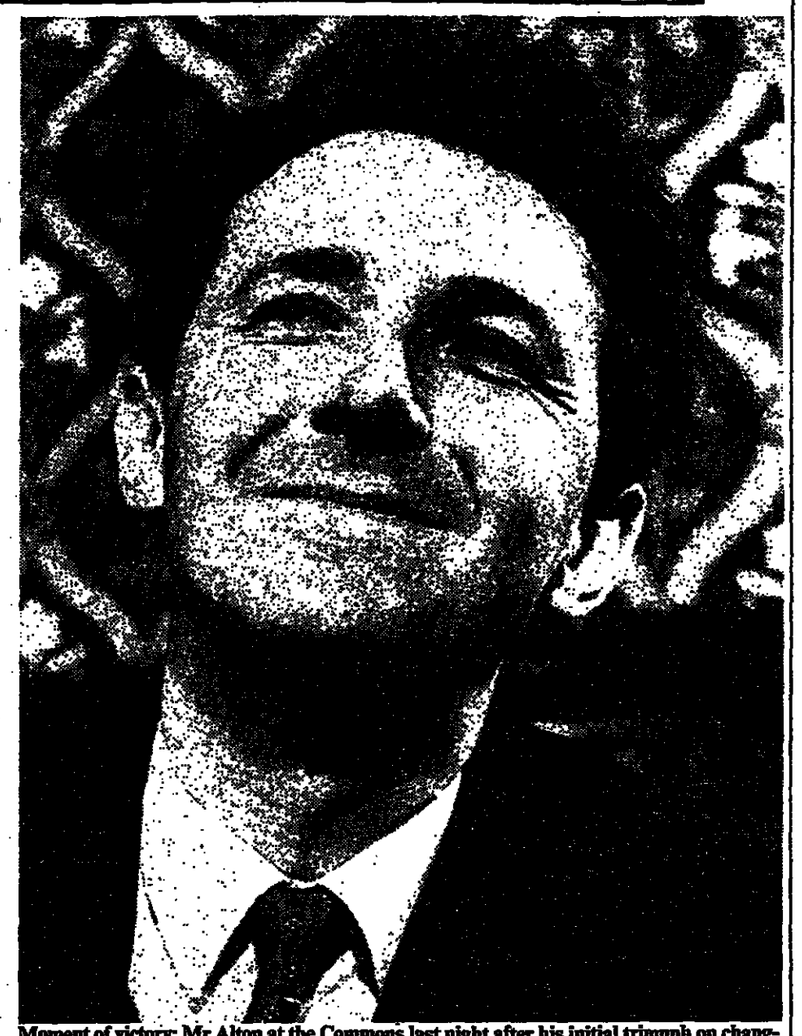
● The anti-abortion organization, Life, said last night: "We are thrilled. It is a personal triumph for David Alton and his staff who have mounted a brilliant campaign" (Jill Sherman writes).

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child said: "Today we have seen fact and compassion triumph over distortion and greed".

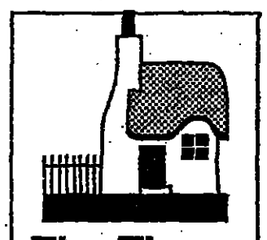
The Family Planning Association said it regretted the vote.

The British Medical Association reiterated its stand that the prime limit for abortion should be reduced to 24 weeks but not below.

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Moment of victory: Mr Alton at the Commons last night after his initial triumph on changing the abortion law (Photograph: Tim Bishop).



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The winners of the 1987 Family Money unit trust competition are announced today. Readers are also invited to take part in the 1988 competition

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Portfolio Gold

● The £16,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, four times the usual amount because there was no winner for the previous three days, was shared yesterday by two readers. Details, page 3.

● There is another £12,000 to be won today — the £8,000 weekly prize and another £4,000 in the daily contest.

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Liberal anger over bid to change voting rules

By Robin Oakley, Nicholas Wood and Martin Fletcher

Furious Liberal activists protested in Blackpool last night on the eve of the crucial party assembly called to vote on the merger with the SDP, saying that the leadership and their allies were attempting to move the goalposts.

The controversy erupted just as Mr David Steel had received a boost for his merger package when the only Liberal MP holding out against it, Mr Simon Hughes, announced he was now backing the deal.

And the conversion of Mr Hughes came as another Liberal MP for Yeovil, Mr Paddy Ashdown, announced that he was considering a bid for the leadership of any new merged party.

But the route to such a merger was provoking more anger and division as the assembly steering committee last night agreed to put an amendment to the delegates this morning which, if accepted, would give the leadership a second bite at the cherry, if their worst fears are realized in the vote.

Opponents of merger said last night that Mr David Steel had betrayed his previous assurances that he only wanted to lead the party into merger if he had the support of a overwhelming majority.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft, former Liberal MP and one of the Liberal negotiators who walked out of the merger talks, said: "This is parallel to the old communist jibe. We don't like what the electorate has decided so we'll change the electorate."

He said that it would be "political lunacy" for the Liberal Party to spend £40,000 on conducting a ballot in the period when the Liberals were running up to next May's local elections.

Under the amendment, tabled by six constituency associations led by Epping Forest, says that if there is a simple majority for merger today, but less than 66 per cent, then there should automatically be a full ballot of the entire party membership. But in that ballot a two-thirds majority would still be required for the merger to proceed.

If, however, the two-thirds barrier is breached today then the original arrangement would prevail under which a ballot of the full membership would go-ahead — but only a simple majority would be required.

Mr Tony Greaves, a prominent Liberal activist and another who walked out of the merger negotiations, said: "It was the ballot over merger which destroyed the SDP last summer. A ballot on this issue would destroy the Liberal Party."

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Ambulancemen threaten to join nurses' strike

By Jill Sherman and Kerry Gill

Ambulance officers, laboratory technicians and administrative staff have threatened to join nurses in a 24-hour strike in London on February 3 in protest at health service cuts and low pay.

At the same time thousands of Scottish nurses are expected to join a rolling programme of industrial action, including strikes, from next Wednesday in a protest against privatization of ancillary sevices.

Nupe's Scottish health spokesman, Mr George Anderson, said he believed that any call for industrial action would receive up to a 90 per cent response from the union's 16,000 nurses. Action by nurses, which is expected to start in Glasgow, will range from all-out strikes to working to rule, but Mr Anderson emphasized that emergency cover would be provided.

Already nurses and ancillary staff at three London teaching hospitals have voted for strike action and next week nurses at two more London teaching hospitals, Guy's and St George's, will decide whether to hold strike ballots. Strike ballots are to go ahead at Charing Cross hospital and St Ann's hospital, Haringey.

Yesterday Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, who has warned that any action would inevitably harm patients, wrote to the Prime Minister asking her to agree to an urgent meeting with the five general secretaries of the health service unions.

Mr Clay said he would do anything to stop patients being harmed by the NHS crisis, but Whitehall sources said representations were likely to be referred to the Social Services Secretary, Mr John Moore.

London ambulance branches of the National Union of Public Employees are preparing ballot papers for their 1,500 ambulance members and a decision is expected by the end of next week.

"Branches are asking ambulancemen to support the day of action because they are having to work with reduced crews and vehicles," said Nupe's divisional organizer, Mr Chris Humphreys.

Five Nalgo branches yesterday said they would join nurses at the Royal Free, University College and the Middlesex in the 24-hour strike action. The branches represent more than 1,300 staff in Haringey, Hampstead, City and Hackney, Bloomsbury and Islington.

Nalgo's metropolitan health committee is to meet on Tuesday to discuss whether to join the action.

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Already some nurses in Scotland have begun taking pre-emptive action and about 500 nurses at two Glasgow hospitals were working to rule yesterday. The protests were taken at Leverndale psychiatric hospital and at Cowglen hospital which deals mainly with geriatric patients.

Mr Anderson said that if domestic workers took action while nurses were working to rule it would have a devastating effect, although nurses would ensure that emergency cover was provided.

A date has yet to be decided for the 24-hour strike already planned in Scotland which is likely to involve about 90,000 health workers.

Cohse and Nupe are backing the proposed action by nurses on the condition that emergency cover is provided. But the RCN — the biggest nursing union — has maintained its opposition to strikes and has warned its 268,000 members that they could face disciplinary proceedings if they join in.

Tories look to bigger role for private health

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Powerful evidence that the Government is on the brink of embracing radical solutions to the National Health Service crisis emerged yesterday when Sir Geoffrey Howe called for examination of a bigger role for private health insurance.

The carefully-timed intervention of the Foreign Secretary is the most conclusive pointer so far that ministers are ready to embark on root and branch reform of the service.

His remarks were part of a counter-offensive by ministers yesterday coming to the aid of Mr John Moore, the embattled Secretary of State for Social Services.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, warned the striking health unions to "get their tanks off the streets".

He challenged Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to condemn NHS walkouts and said patient care was not improved by picket lines.

Mr Moore also weighed in, seeking to drive a wedge between the Royal College of Nursing, whose members are pledged not to strike, and the

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Revenue worried as tax inspectors quit

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

More than 120 fully trained inspectors of taxes left the Inland Revenue last year and the rate is accelerating.

Last year was the worst-ever for resignations. The rate increased during the summer, after the Treasury rejected a claim for special pay that recognized their value in the private sector.

The Board of Inland Revenue, which has been cautious in admitting its haemorrhage of staff for fear of offending the Treasury, is saying openly that such losses, if continued, will affect the tax yield. Already this year there have been nine resignations of fully trained inspectors.

A tax inspector in training is paid between £8,000 and £10,000. A fully trained inspector with some years' experience is on a pay scale from £15,000 to £20,000. Those based in London get extra allowances.

A newly qualified inspector could expect, in the private sector, at least £25,000 a year and a car and private health care.

Some of the inspectors lost brought in up to 30 times the annual cost of their salary through investigation and compliance work. At risk is £4.7 billion a year which results from adjustments in the Inland Revenue's favour.

Snow and chaos to continue

By Michael McCarthy

More snow is on the way for much of central England and Wales, where bleak midwinter weather arrived with a vengeance yesterday.

The weekend is likely to see medium to heavy snowfalls similar to those which brought wide chaos, with major roads and some motorways closed, rail lines blocked, airports shut, power failures, scores of accidents and an impromptu holiday for thousands of schoolchildren.

Three Football League matches scheduled for last night were postponed. At least 10 games today have also been postponed, along with racing, rugby and and other fixtures.

The depression which was moving in a westerly direction met cold air from the north and accounted for at least five

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US proposes pact on space weapons

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States yesterday tabled a draft treaty at Geneva on space defence, the most vexed of the three main areas of the arms control talks.

The document calls for a new pact that embodies the elements of the agreements reached by President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov at their summit last month.

The proposed deal would commit both sides to observing the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty while conducting their research, development and testing of Star Wars technology "as required". It also binds them not to withdraw from the pact for a specified length of time — though the period is not spelt out.

The new treaty would have the same legal status as the proposed accord on strategic offensive arms, the ABM Treaty and other similar agreements.

The White House, announcing the tabling of the draft, said yesterday that the document would "help to provide a jointly managed, predictable, precise and stable basis for developing, testing, and — when proven feasible — deploying advanced defences against strategic ballistic missiles. Such defences would decrease the risk of war."

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, hotly denied that the President had given secret instructions this week to his negotiators to ignore the ambiguous compromise on the testing of the Strategic Defence Initiative reached at the summit, as reported in yesterday's *Washington Post*.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in television interviews with the four main American networks, yesterday underlined the importance of cuts in

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All pregnant women may get Aids test offer

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Government is considering plans to offer all pregnant women an Aids test, and to set up a nationwide system of testing anonymous blood samples for traces of the infection.

The proposals may be introduced because of growing concern among medical experts about the lack of information on the spread of the human immune deficiency virus (HIV) throughout the country.

The Government gave a warning yesterday that a full cure for Aids may never be found and pledged itself to long-term efforts to counter the epidemic.

It said: "It is possible that because the HIV enters the genetic material of body cells, a real cure, which eliminates the virus from those who have been infected, may never be found."

In its published response to a recent report by the Commons Select Committee on Social Services, the Government rejected the committee's view that some aspects of the national Aids public education campaign had failed.

The Government said yesterday that it was considering the committee's recommendation that HIV antibody tests should be offered to all mothers as part of their antenatal care.

Trial programmes of voluntary screening of pregnant women are being set up in Edinburgh and Dundee, where there is a high incidence of HIV infection among drug abusers.

The results of those trials will influence the decision on whether the test should be extended and offered routinely to all mothers.

The Government says women who might be at risk of infection should be made fully aware of their situation through skilled counselling.

It says in its responses to the committee's report that it is "essential" to maintain an adequate knowledge of the prevalence of HIV infection in Britain, but firmly rejects compulsory mass screening of the population.

Apart from its questionable practical value, mass screening would have "such profound ethical and legal consequences as to rule it out as an acceptable way of gaining information about the spread of the infection", the Government's response says.

It says it is considering the conclusions of a working group of experts set up to suggest ways in which the surveillance of the epidemic could be improved.

The Department of Health would neither confirm nor deny yesterday that one proposal is the mass testing in health service laboratories of blood samples taken routinely from patients at hospitals and clinics.

Under such a system, which has been advocated by some of Britain's most eminent medical figures, samples would be anonymous.

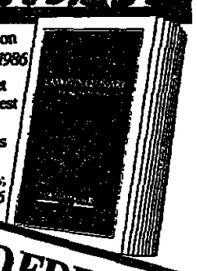
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NEWS ROUNDUP

£165,000 award for ferry family

A High Court judge yesterday approved a compensation settlement of more than £165,000 for a family which lost its breadwinner in the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise at Zeebrugge last March.

The case had to be referred to the High Court for approval because the settlement involved children. The settlement was based on a framework negotiated between P & O, owners of the Herald of Free Enterprise at the time of the disaster, and solicitors representing most of the claimants.

The family involved was not identified, but the case arose out of the death at Zeebrugge of a man who left a dependent wife and children. Mr Justice McKinnon said the court had approved both the settlement of the individual case at a sum in excess of £165,000 and the framework under which it had been reached.

1,000 jobs go

The Labour-controlled Sheffield City Council, which vowed never to cut jobs or services, announced yesterday a cut of 1,000 jobs during the next financial year.

The council said a similar number of jobs may go in the next two years, but it was abiding by its policy of no redundancies and the job losses – across the board from manual workers to white collar staff – would be through natural wastage.

The council leader, Mr Clive Betts, said government spending limits meant the city budget had to be cut by £20 million.

Firemen on strike

Troops moved in to man emergency services in Dublin yesterday after 800 firemen went on strike.

The strike, over manning levels, training and pay, is the first by the city's fire crews in 20 years. Talks in the Labour Court between the firemen and the city corporation broke down yesterday.

Over the past three weeks 300 troops have been trained in fire fighting and other emergency services at the Curragh military base. The city council said it had been assured the army could deal with any emergency.

Rothermere verdict

The boy friend of a former aide to Lady Rothermere was found guilty yesterday of helping to fraudulently obtain more than £18,000.

Southwark Crown Court was told that James Durston, aged 21, a painter and decorator, and Jane Salamone, aged 24, a secretary, who have since married, used Lady Rothermere's account at Harrods to buy a television, video and high-fidelity sound system. Durston also cashed two cheques for £15,000 on a separate account held by Lady Rothermere.

Durston was cleared of obtaining a £5,000 car using a forged cheque. Salamone admitted five forgery and deception offences. Both she and Durston will be sentenced on February 19.

Pilot killed

The pilot of a Red Arrows Hawk jet died yesterday when his aircraft spun out of control during a high speed, low level aerobatic routine over the team's home base of Scampton, Lincolnshire.

Flight Lieutenant Neil MacLachlan, aged 32, who was married with a small child, was practising with five other team members. He joined the Red Arrows last year and was preparing for his first season.

Seven Red Arrows aircraft have been lost in accidents since the team changed from Gnats to Hawks in 1979.

Blakelock award

The widow of PC Keith Blakelock, who was killed during riots at the Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, north London, accepted the Metropolitan Police's highest bravery medal on his behalf yesterday.

Mrs Elizabeth Blakelock accepted the Commissioner's High Commendation with 11 other officers on duty at the riot.

Mr Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said the officers were part of a unit which risked their lives to protect fire officers and residents.

Bingo trial adjourned

A printer yesterday admitted conspiracy charges relating to bingo cheques for the sums of £1 million, £20,000, £13,000 and two of £10,000 from News Group Newspapers, publisher of *The Sun*. John Sagar, aged 45, also admitted at Preston Crown Court stealing bingo tickets from Hamilton Publications of Trafalgar Street, Burnley, Lancashire.

Sagar, of St Matthews Street, Burnley, has denied another allegation of conspiring to obtain a number of other cheques from News Group Newspapers.

Five other defendants deny conspiracy to obtain cheques by deception. The hearing was adjourned until May 9 and all the defendants were released on bail.

Coal faces '£1bn blow' if Scargill wins

By Tim Jones

British Coal is prepared to consider shelving investment of more than £1 billion in the industry if Mr Arthur Scargill is tomorrow re-elected as president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

If bad weather yesterday significantly disrupted the ballot or if the vote is close, it is possible the result may not be declared until Monday.

Last night, supporters of Mr John Walsh, the moderate candidate, were claiming that, with most of the votes cast, the result would be far closer than had at first been forecast.

A victory by Mr Scargill could signal open warfare in the coalfields; the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers has indicated it is willing to negotiate with British Coal if it reaches deadlock with the NUM.

Unless the corporation gains agreement on six-day production to justify new investment, it will not proceed with an ambitious development programme designed to make it competitive in the face of a glut of cheap foreign-produced coal.

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, has said there can be no investment earmarked for new developments or "superpits" unless the miners accept they must produce coal six days a week to justify the cost of new high-technology mining equipment and the substantial development costs.

Proposed "superpits" immediately at risk if Mr Scargill wins are the £400 million development at Hawkhurst Moor, near Coventry, the £400 million Asfordby complex in Leicestershire, and the £90 million new mine at Margam in South Wales.

British Coal has already signalled its hard-line stance by its decision to cancel any further investment in the new "superpit" Thorne colliery near Doncaster, south Yorkshire, unless there is a "lasting improvement in labour relations".

Mr Ted Horton, the corporation's area director, noting that £34 million had been spent on developing the pit, said the further £77 million needed to bring it into production would not be forthcoming unless there is agreement on six-day production and an end to the national overtime ban and wildcat strikes.

Mr Scargill, during his election campaign, has been adamant that if re-elected he will oppose what he describes as "six-day working". His supporters maintain that the desire for six-day production is part of a corporation plan to reduce the industry and make it dependent on superpits which are capital-intensive but employ few people.

British Coal says the "superpits" will employ 30 per cent more miners and be 30 per cent more productive.

While being careful not fully to embrace the principle of six-day production, Mr Walsh has said that if elected he is willing to discuss the implications with the corporation and then put them to his members.

Yesterday Mr Walsh claimed that he would receive 55 per cent of the votes cast. Although he may gain a majority in important areas such as South Wales and Scotland, the crucial battleground is Yorkshire, which accounts for more than one third of the membership.

Dublin plans legal action to prevent nuclear test

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Irish Government is considering legal action through the British courts to stop the Central Electricity Generating Board conducting an experiment at the Trawsfynydd nuclear power station in North Wales next month.

The intention to use the law to put pressure on the British Government to halt the experiment was announced yesterday by Mr Ray Burke, the Irish energy minister.

He said the decision was prompted by a fault that caused a temporary shutdown at the plant on Thursday. It was "further proof" that the station was "unsafe".

The electricity generating board plans to shut down the reactor on February 12 and to switch off the cooling system in a test to demonstrate the effectiveness of the reactor's safety system. The purpose of the experiment is to show that a reactor can be deactivated in complete safety even if the coolant fans fail.

The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, which licenses operations at Britain's nuclear plants, is considering the board's application to carry out the experiment.

Mr Burke said that the fault this week had left the Dublin government "with no alternative but to exmaine all the legal steps available, at national and international level.

"We are looking at every possible legal avenue, to see how we can go, either through the British courts, or in Europe, to protect the health and safety of the Irish people from the menace of these plants."

Trawsfynydd, just 100 miles from Dublin, was already working beyond its programmed life and the board was planning the experiment to try to extend it for purely economic reasons. "The fact that a couple of weeks before the proposed experiment they had to shut down the reactor is outrageous."

Further opposition to the experiment was voiced by Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Plaid Cymru MP for Merionnydd Nant Conwy, in a meeting with Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday, on the ground of safety.

Mr Burke has also requested talks with Mr Parkinson. He said: "The British government is flying in the face of international opinion at this stage. If we cannot achieve our aims in the political and diplomatic sense, we will have to take the legal road."

Later, Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for nuclear energy, accused the Irish Government of trying to embarrass the British nuclear industry.

The experiment posed "absolutely no threat".

If the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate advised against the experiment, the Government would "accept that advice".

Speaking on the *World at One* programme on BBC Radio, he condemned comparisons with the Chernobyl disaster as "mischievous".

"These are totally different circumstances. These particular plants, the Magnox plants, have a tremendous safety record."

He said that the shutdown of the plant earlier this week was caused by the failure of a switch that operated equipment used to raise and lower rods in the reactor. It was brought back into operation later that day.

However, much of the concern over the safety of the Trawsfynydd test stems from doubts about the ability of scientists to monitor the core temperature during the experiment. Both the Windscale nuclear fire in 1957, and the partial meltdown of the Chaplecross reactor in 1967, were the result of scientists being unaware of very high temperatures in the core.

Moore 'open for talks'

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday that his door would always be open for more talks with the presidents of the royal medical colleges.

Mr Moore, speaking after the opening of an Employment Assessment Centre at Merton, south-west London, said there was always public pressure for more money.

"What the figures do not include is the extra expenditure from things like the cost improvement programme. Show me other programmes that have that kind of commitment and increase", he said.

Mr Moore said his meeting with the royal colleges had been constructive. "We talked about the pressures. We all agreed about additional resources. We have committed additional resources. We have also talked about how we find alternatives as well.

"We also talked about the addition from the new form of income generation in a Bill going through Parliament at the moment, where we want to encourage the areas to increase their own ability to generate resources."

Mr Moore, referring to the threat of industrial action, said: "At the end of the day none of us do anything other than deplore action that would in any way affect patients".

● A Tory MP is planning legal moves to block the screening of a BBC documentary, which he claims is biased, on the National Health Service.

Mr Douglas French, MP for Gloucester, said yesterday that he would seek a High Court injunction unless he receives assurances that the *Panorama* programme would not be "rigged". The BBC has denied the allegations.



Mr John Moore opening an Employment Assessment Centre in London yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

One in ten has health insurance

By Our Social Services Correspondent

An estimated 5.7 million people are covered by private health insurance, just over 10 per cent of the population.

British United Provident Association, Private Patients Plan and the Western Provident Association between them cover about 90 per cent of subscribers.

Bupa has always had the largest market share although this has steadily decreased. It now holds 60 per cent, PPP 22 per cent and WPA 10 per cent of the subscriptions.

About twenty other companies are offering competitive rates.

Bupa said: "Although we spend about £15 million a year promoting private health insurance, small groups offering specialized deals, often with many exemptions, are now taking business away from us."

The emergence of smaller companies was largely responsible for a 0.3 per cent reduction in Bupa subscriptions last year, against rises of more than 14 per cent for some competitors. This year it expects a 2-3 per cent rise.

Bupa said that just over half of the subscriptions were bought by companies; 20 per cent by groups of employees – who could earn discounts with a joint subscription – and a quarter were bought by individuals.

Most companies offer three or four different rates. All said discounts of up to 30 per cent were available on all rates.

PC 'next target for gunman'

A policeman yesterday described how Police Sergeant John Speed was deliberately shot with a revolver.

Constable John Raj told a court that a gunman first shot PC John Thorpe in the stomach, then blasted the sergeant in the neck. PC Raj, aged 34, said he thought he was going to be the next target.

He was giving evidence on the second day of the trial at Leeds Crown Court trial of Paul Guest, aged 41, a lorry driver, who denies murdering Sgt Speed and the attempted murder of PC Thorpe outside Leeds parish church in October 1984.

Mr Guest, of Windsor Drive, Moor Lane, Wigginton, York, is alleged to have been one of two men who travelled to Leeds to rob a post office. The other was David Gricewith, now dead. The prosecution allege Mr Guest did not try to stop the shootings and used them to escape.

PC Raj said he saw PC Thorpe in a scuffle with the gunman. Then the officer was shot in the stomach.

Seconds later the gunman became involved in a scuffle with Sgt Speed, he said. But the sergeant managed to call for assistance on his radio.

PC Raj said Sgt Speed was overpowered by the superior strength of the gunman.

"I saw the sergeant on the ground lifting his hand up in a defensive shield above his face. I could only surmise he sensed he was going to be shot", he said.

"The gunman was stood with one leg forward. He took careful aim, pointed the gun at the neck of Sgt Speed and shot him. He fell to the ground and was still.

"The man paused for a few seconds and I wondered if I would be the next person to be shot at because I was in line. For some strange reason that didn't occur", he said.

PC Raj then pursued the gunman, passing PC Thorpe who was "obviously still in great agony". At one point the gunman turned and fired at him and PC Raj hid beneath some trees. Finally the man escaped after a chase near Leeds city centre.

Cross examined by Mr James Stewart, QC, for the defence, PC Raj agreed the shooting of the sergeant appeared to be a "cold blooded execution".

Mr Guest also denies conspiring with Gricewith to rob post office employees and possessing a firearm with intent to commit robbery.

His wife Alison, aged 36, has pleaded guilty to failing to disclose information on the killing.

The case continues.

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New royal home

Duchess opts for US style

Rumours that The Duchess of York has chosen American interior designers Sister Parish and Albert Hadley to decorate her future home drew a sharp reaction from British designers yesterday.

Despite Buckingham Palace denials yesterday that anyone had been comissioned to design the interior of the couple's contemporary house, Mrs Parish's New York office confirmed she would "most defiaitely" be doing the job.

Sister Parish, who got her nickname by being the first girl in the family after three brothers, decorated The White House during its golden days under the Kennedy administration. Her work is to be found in the homes of America's top families, including the Gettys and the Mellons, and was admired by the Duchess on her recent US visits.

For the Duchess (who drew criticism from the fashion world for her patronage of Yves Saint Laurent in preference to British designers) to give such a coveted commission to a foreign company could be regarded as a slap in the face for British designers.

Colefax & Fowler, purveyors of the quintessential English country-house look, said it was "very disappointed that the Duchess of York has found it necessary to go to America since there is such a wealth of talent in this country and so many good designers who deal in an international marketplace.

"Perhaps she did not fully investigate what this country had to offer."

But leading British interior designer Mr David Mlinaric said: "The English country-house look owes a great deal to American influence. I know the work of Sister Parish well and she is a very senior, well-respected member of the profession who mixes traditional European with American precision.

"When people are really good at something frontiers shouldn't play a part. It's like using fine French fabric because it's the best, or wearing French fashions because they are. It gives people here a shot in the arm."

Mr Leslie Button, chairman of The David Hicks Group, said: "Anybody living in their own home has the perfect right to choose whatever they want.

Mr Nick Ashley, design director of Laura Ashley, whose English country-house style is taking off in America, joined the consensus when he said: "While it would obviously be nice if the Duchess chose a British interior designer I think she's made a very good choice."

Mr Mlinaric summed up the sentiments of other British interior designers: "I do at least hope that all the work gets done in Britain."

Airport predicts profit of £1.9m in first year

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Birmingham airport expects to make a profit of nearly £2 million from its first year as a limited company.

The airport, adjacent to the National Exhibition Centre, is owned by seven local authorities which formally became shareholders last March.

The expected profit comes after a big rise in the number of airlines and passengers using the airport and plans for a £35 million improvement programme have been drawn up.

Mr Brian Summers, the airport's finance director, said last night: "We have all been astonished at the growth which has meant that we have now reached the levels we expected to be at by 1990".

The councils and the airport company are pressing the Government to give formal recognition to Birmingham as a gateway to Britain which will enable foreign carriers, especially from America, to apply for licences to fly there.

"At the moment the Government are rather reluctant to give us this recognition because they fear they will be asked to give something back in the inter-governmental talks on air services in the future", Mr Summers said.

Last year, 2,728,000 passengers used the airport, an increase of more than 25 per cent on 1986.

When the company was formed the seven councils – Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton – predicted a small loss for the first year of operation. They are confident that by the end of the financial year in March they will be showing a profit of £1.9 million.

Some of that will be returned to the ratepayers in the form of dividend on the shares.

First Malaysian car is to go on sale in Britain

The first Malaysian car will make its debut in Britain at the Birmingham motor show in October (Daniel Ward writes).

The car, named Proton, will go on sale in January 1989 and is expected to compete with the Rover 200 and Ford Orion.

Britain has one of the most competitive car markets in the world with virtually every manufacturer represented. Sales of Japanese cars are restricted by agreement, but those of Eastern bloc and Asian countries have been growing steadily free from curbs.

Hyundais were first exported from Korea to Britain in 1982 and sales rose to more than 9,000 cars in 1987.

British motorists bought a record 25,000 Russian-built Ladas and more than 14,000 Czechoslovakian Skodas last year.

Proton sales are expected to be less than 5,000 in the first year.

The Proton has been developed by the Malaysian government. It is based on a five year old model by Mitsubishi who supply the engine and gearbox from Japan.

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'Had it not been for genetic fingerprinting, you might still be at liberty'

Life for sex killer trapped by mass screening technique

By Craig Seton

The sex killer of two teenage girls started a life sentence yesterday, five months after he was trapped by the world's first mass screening of potential suspects using genetic fingerprinting.

Leicester Crown Court heard that Colin Pitchfork, aged 27, a married bakery worker, evaded detection for more than three years.

He even devised a plot to avoid taking thegenetic fingerprint test, developed at nearby Leicester University. The plot almost succeeded.

Pitchfork persuaded a fellow worker, Ian Kelley, of Stuart Street, Leicester, to stand in for him when 5,500 males aged 13 to 30 volunteered to give blood for the test.

The deceit initially cleared Pitchfork, who had convictions for indecent exposure.

Yesterday Pitchfork, of Littlethorpe, Leicester, pleaded guilty to the rape and murder of Lynda Mann, aged 15, from the neighbouring village of Narborough, in 1983 and the killing of Dawn Ashworth, also aged 15, from the adjoining village of Enderby, three years later. He had attacked the girls as they walked along quiet footpaths in their villages, only half a mile apart.

Pitchfork, a married man with two sons, had dropped off his wife at an evening class before attacking his first victim. His baby son remained asleep in his car and after the killing, Pitchfork picked up his wife, showing no signs of what he had done.

He was sentenced to two terms of life imprisonment for each murder and 10 years each, to run concurrently, for raping the girls.

Mr Justice Otton told him: "Had it not been for genetic fingerprinting you might still be at liberty".

He sentenced Kelley to 18 months imprisonment, suspended for two years. The prosecution accepted that he did not know he was shielding a killer.

Mr Brian Escott Cox, QC, for the prosecution, told the court of the police hunt that led to Pitchfork and the "miraculous, wonderful process" of genetic fingerprinting which had trapped him.

He said that in August 1986, a month after Dawn Ashworth's killing, Richard Buckland, aged 17, from Narborough, was seen lurking in the area where she died.

Buckland was arrested and charged with Dawn's murder, but he denied killing Lynda three years earlier. Police were convinced that the same local man committed both murders.

In October samples of the killer's semen, taken from the murdered girls, and blood from Buckland were sent for analysis.

Mr Escott Cox said: "The answer which came back was not the one the police expected. Undoubtedly the same man raped both girls, but it was not Buckland."

Proceedings against Buckland were dropped and the murder incident room was reopened.

All males between 13 and 30 from the adjoining villages of Enderby, Narborough and Littlethorpe were asked to provide blood samples for genetic fingerprinting.

Mr Escott Cox said more than 5,000 males responded and only two refused. One was a man with a genuine reason for refusing. The other was Pitchfork.

Three times last January appointments were made for Pitchfork to give a blood sample. On two occasions he made an excuse for not turning up.

He started pestering workmates to take the test for him, offering one £50 and another £200.Finally, Kelley agreed. On August 30 last year Kelley was drinking in a public house with workmates from the bakery and admitted that he had given the sample.

One of the girls in the group told the police and Pitchfork and Kelley were arrested.

Detectives then sent a sample of Pitchfork's blood to be compared with the analysis of semen taken from the murdered girls. They were a perfect match.



Colin Pitchfork, the killer rapist, on his wedding day, and Dawn Ashworth (top) and Lynda Mann, his teenage victims.

Therapy study

Evidence for a commission set up by the College of Occupational Therapists to review the work, future demands and resources of Britain's 9,500 occupational therapists should be sent by March 31 to: 1 Dr Johnson's Buildings, Temple, London EC4 7AX.

Secret agents suspected of poisoning

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch now suspect that an Iraqi businessman, who was poisoned during dinner with a party of countrymen, was the victim of undercover agents of the ruling Ba'ath Party.

Detectives are investigating the background of Abdullah Rahim Sharif Ali, who died from thallium poisoning earlier this week, to try to find out why an assassination squad should have flown to Britain to find him.

The three men were in London for little more than a day and so far no one else in the Iraqi community appears to have met them. They caught an early flight out of Britain the morning after meeting Mr Ali.

Detectives speculate that Mr Ali may have been told that after an apparently profitable eight years in London it was time he returned to help his country fight Iran. He refused and was killed.

The Yard is also trying to establish whether Mr Ali could have been a government agent who was killed because he planned to defect or was involved in a double-cross.

At first the Yard maintained that Mr Ali was the victim of defrauded business partners.

A few weeks ago Special Branch officers warned leading Iraqi dissidents in London that there could be threats against them.

Among those warned was Mr Sayid Mahdi al Hakim, a leading Iraqi political exile, who was shot dead in the Sudan last weekend.

Mr Ali was not a significant figure in the Iraqi community and he was not told to take care.

Mr Ali did not realise he had been poisoned for some time. One hospital told him he had influenza. A second could not diagnose the cause either but St Stephens Hospital in west London found the cause last week.

Portfolio Gold

Two share jackpot of £16,000

Mr Mark Bishop, a commercial architect, and Major T. J. O'Brien shared £16,000 in the Portfolio Gold Competition yesterday, four times the usual amount as there was no winner for three days.

Mr Bishop, aged 31, of Wandsworth, south-west London, telephoned his fiancée, Stella, after checking his numbers.

They are to marry in April and Mr Bishop said: "We have been planning a large, formal wedding for a long time, so the money couldn't have arrived at a better time".

Major O'Brien, aged 72, of Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, said he would spend some of his £8,000 on education for his five grandchildren.

He also plans to take a holiday in the sun with his wife. He served in the Middle East and Italy during the Second World War.

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Mr Mark Bishop: a timely win before his wedding.

Girl, 11, gave birth after rape

A girl aged 11 became pregnant after being raped by her stepfather, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The girl gave birth to a daughter and genetic tests proved conclusively that the man was the father.

A genetic fingerprinting specialist told the jury that the odds against the man not being the father were 268 million to one.

In spite of this and statements from the girl, who said in evidence that her stepfather had forced her to have sex on two or three occasions, the man denied raping her between May and June, 1986.

The girl gave evidence from behind a screen to stop her seeing her stepfather.

He claimed in evidence that the girl had made sexual approaches to him and alleged also that she had had sex while on holiday in Jamaica.

The man was found guilty of rape. Mr Justice Lymbery postponed sentencing for medical reports.

The jury was told that neither the girl nor her mother realized she was pregnant until shortly before the birth. The mother had put the girl on a diet because she was concerned at her weight increase.

Mr Brian Barker, for the prosecution, said that the girl gave birth by Caesarean section and was now receiving psychiatric counselling. She and her baby were living at home with her mother and she had returned to school.

Oxford admissions

Women fight male takeover

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

St Hugh's College, Oxford, which admitted men for the first time last year, is in danger of being overrun by them, members claimed yesterday.

Their concern has been aroused by next October's admission figures which show that places have been offered to 79 men and 40 women. Last year 64 men were admitted for the first time, with 64 women.

Miss Rhona Macleod, the student president of the Junior Common Room, said: "These figures are outrageous. They show that within three years of deciding to go mixed, St Hugh's will be a male-dominated college. None of us want that."

Miss Rachel Trickett, the principal of St Hugh's, said: "I assure you we did not plan to admit twice as many men as women. It just came out that way. I am very concerned."

The plight of St Hugh's has reawakened a 10-year-old controversy. It was in the late 1970s that most colleges at Oxford and Cambridge decided to admit members of the opposite sex. Women opponents of the move then feared it would turn women's colleges into men's colleges with a mixture of women.

"That is exactly what has tended to happen", a senior fellow of St Hugh's said. "It's very sad. Women's colleges gave women the security in which to perform without competition or stress. Now we find men dominating both the former men's and the former women's colleges.

"And it is not just the undergraduates: look at the fellows. None of the former men's colleges has more than two or three women fellows, yet the former women's colleges have equal numbers of men and women fellows."

Statistics show that male undergraduates at Oxford outnumber women by three to one in former men's colleges such as Balliol, Magdalen, and Exeter. But there are equal numbers of men and women at St Anne's and Lady Margaret Hall.

At Cambridge, women make up about a third of the undergraduates in colleges that were formerly for men.

Miss Trickett said that she had opposed the admission of men to St Hugh's, but was determined to make the mixed college a success. "Admissions are a matter for individual tutors. They try to get the best people they can. We are not allowed to discriminate on the grounds of sex. The trouble is too many of the best women are applying to the former men's colleges."

Two Oxford colleges, St Hilda's and Somerville, still admit only women and restrict the appointment of fellows and other academic staff to women. There are no all-male colleges.

Campaign for rights of tourists

By Shona Crawford Poole
Travel Editor

A campaign for travellers' rights has been launched by Conservatives in the European Parliament.

They are pressing for easier access to health care, lower air fares, greater competition in holiday insurance, and a seven-day cooling-off period for those buying time-share property. They also want streamlined border controls.

Campaigning against package holiday surcharges, the group hopes to persuade tour companies to use the ECU (European Currency Unit) which it says is the most stable currency in the world. Leaflets outlining travellers' rights and privileges are being circulated through travel agents.

The campaign, called *Umbrella Europe*, hopes that 1990 will be designated European Year of the Traveller, and that the path of the 24.4 million Britons who travelled abroad last year will get smoother.

● Travellers putting together holidays using seat-only charter flights will have doubled to more than five million in five years, Thomson Holidays, the country's largest tour operator, forecasts.

The company says a boom in flight-only arrangements is due to travellers becoming more experienced and adventurous. Only about a quarter of a million Britons travelled on seat-only charters five years ago compared with the 2.5 million expected to fly independently this year.

Core curriculum to start next year

By Our Education Correspondent

Children who have their third or fourth birthdays this year will be the first to be taught and tested on the national curriculum, Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday.

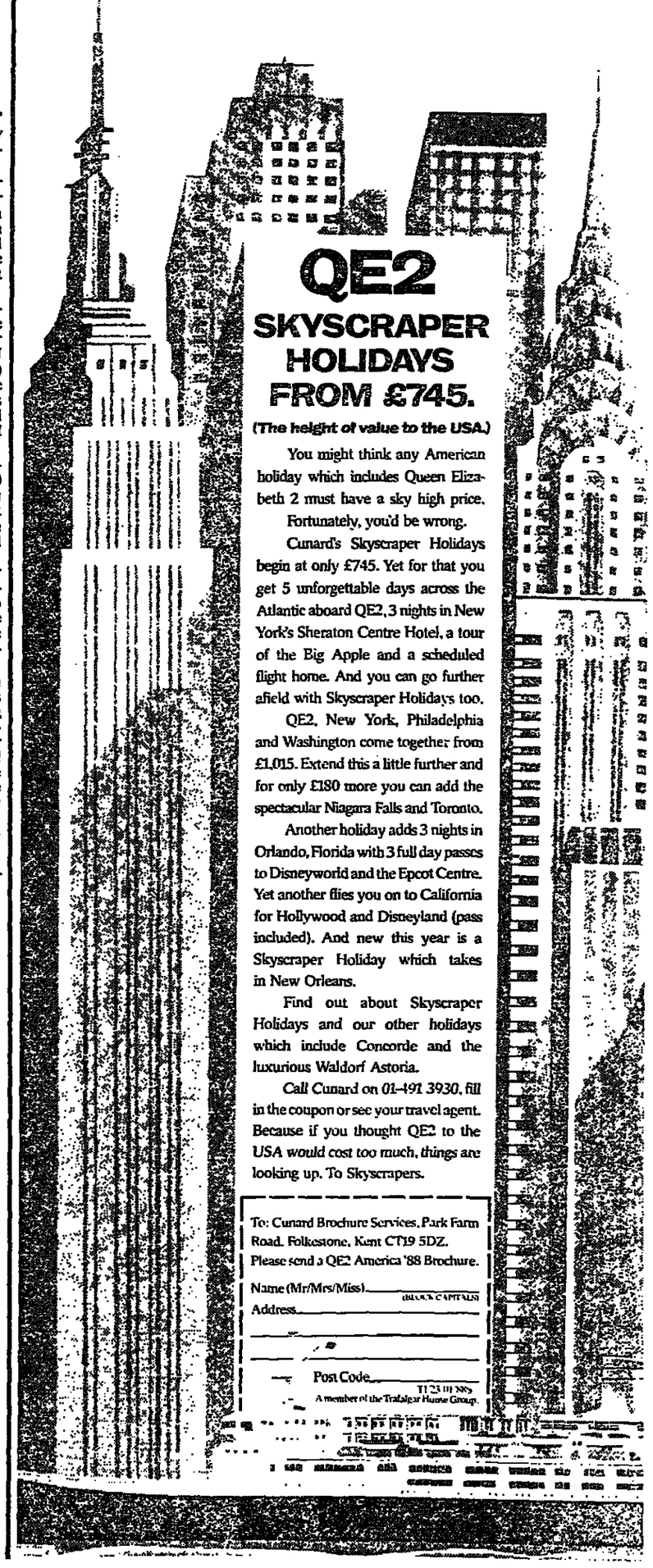
The Secretary of State for Education and Science added that all 20,000 primary schools in England and Wales would be asked to ensure pupils spent a reasonable time studying nine of the curriculum's 10 foundation subjects, excluding a modern forcign language, from September next year.

He told the annual conference of the Society of Education Officers: "Our aim is that maths and science attainment targets and programmes of study should be introduced at the same time.

"Assessment and testing arrangements will follow when they have been satisfactorily developed and piloted."

Mr Baker promised that the introduction of the national curriculum would not be rushed. He said the coherence and continuity of what children were already learning would not be disrupted.

Mr Baker said schools without a "reasonable long-term future" would not be allowed to opt out of local authority control and those that did would not be funded more generously than other schools



Scholars' scrutiny casts doubt on Rembrandts

Rembrandt scholars from all over the world debated the first two volumes published by the controversial Rembrandt Research Project at a symposium hosted by the National Gallery yesterday.

Over the past 20 years, the five-man project has been scrutinizing the 620 paintings attributed to Rembrandt, and it looks as though, by the time they finish, only half will have survived the test.

Although much is at stake — not least scholars' reputations and the value of the paintings — the debate remained gentlemanly.

It is understood that two famous paintings in the National Gallery itself were discussed — the portraits of Philips Lucasz and Frederik Rihel on Horseback. The Research Project, based in Amsterdam, has proposed that the large lace collar in the first, and the entire horse in the second was the work of one or more of Rembrandt's 35 studio assistants.

Together, Mr David Bomford, a restorer at the National Gallery, and Dr Christopher Brown, the gallery's curator, stood their ground. Dr Brown agrees the horse in the Rihel portrait is weakly painted, but argues that, as it was painted in 1663 when Rembrandt had no studio, it must be by the master.

A Rembrandt expert, Professor Egbert Haverkamp-Begemann of New York University, commended the project but suggested it make better use of technology such as photography and steer away from obsessive categorization of works as authentic, doubtful or not authentic.

But the symposium was not all bad news. Dr Brown presented a theory that the Rembrandt Entombment at the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow was not a sketch, as has always been assumed, but the first version of the actual painting.

● A man from Bletchley was "in a state of shock" yesterday after selling his rare George I walnut bureau bookcase for £32,500 through the Woburn auctioneers Downer Ross on Thursday.

Estimated at between £15,000 and £20,000, and described by Charles Ross of Downer Ross, as "a bit distressed, with some of its moulding off, and missing its mirrors from the bookcase section", the bureau was fiercely sought by London dealers, but finally knocked down to S & S Timms, dealers from Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

Harmers fetched two outstanding prices for Mauritian stamps at their general auction last week. Both dated 1848, the first is an earliest impression orange-vermillion one penny stamp.

Estimated at £7,000, it sold for £14,300 to a Swiss dealer. The second, dated one year later and inscribed "Princess Royal" with two stamped impressions over it, was estimated at £8,000, and sold for £15,400 to an English dealer. The overall total for the three-day sale was £333,544.

Harmers are to open a saleroom in Zurich later this year. What with the presence of Christie's there and, from last autumn, Habsburg-Feldman, Zurich is fast becoming the world's stamp capital.

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

BP may lure petrol customers with share offer

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP, Britain's third biggest petrol retailer, is seeking to find out if its forecourt customers have become too sophisticated for free coffee mugs and toy cars and may in future be offering them shares in the company.

A quarter of a million customers and shareholders are being asked for their views on a new range of customer services which may be offered.

Shareholders are being asked if they would welcome their dividends being paid in vouchers which could be exchanged for petrol or other products.

Non-shareholders are being asked if they would like to use vouchers to buy BP shares.

The idea is to capitalize on the huge following which BP built up during the government sell off of its 31.5 per cent holding in the company.

That was badly affected by the stock market collapse and has led to the government of Kuwaiti taking a 20 per cent holding in the company.

During the share sale the BP filling station network distributed several hundred thousand information packs on the company.

BP Oil, the refining and retailing arm of BP, is considering setting up a "partnership scheme" and is taking soundings from account customers who buy petrol and their home heating oil from BP, and a small sample of shareholders.

BP Oil said: "We are asking customers their views on 10 suggestions we are considering. Once we have had their replies we will consider where we go from there. However, they are only suggestions at this stage."

The idea is that BP customers who join the scheme would be offered a credit-card, discounts on motor insurance and financial services such as car loans, life assurance and unit trusts.

They would be offered discounts on hotels, airline tickets and holiday travel and discounts on car servicing and repairs carried out at garages which are BP petrol outlets.

They might also get discounts on BP products such as oils, antifreeze and brake fluids, but not on petrol.

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PARLIAMENT

Abortion Bill is given a second reading by 296 votes to 251

MPs support Alton on 18-week upper limit

Mr David Alton's Bill to lower to 18 weeks the upper time-limit for abortions was given a second reading in the Commons by 296 votes to 251 – majority, 45.

After Mr Alton had moved second reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, **Mr Andrew MacKay** (Berkshire East, C) said that he was not in favour of abortion but of freedom of choice.

He said it was a traumatic decision to have an abortion. It did not help for politicians to interfere. It was up to parents to decide whether they should go ahead and have a disabled child.

If passed this would be the worst piece of class legislation that the House had put on the statute book for a long time. His affluent, middle-class constituents would have no difficulty arranging their abortions before the 18-week limit.

Those affected would be 15 or 16-year-old girls of low IQ, unaware, for a long time, of their pregnancy, lost and confused. When they did realize their pregnancy they were scared to tell their doctor. Those would be the little girls who would suffer from this Bill.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said that he had been the promoter of the 1967 Abortion Act, which this Bill sought to amend. Although Mr Alton was a colleague and friend, he could not support the Bill. It was a myth that abortion only came into being with the 1967 Act. The reason the House had wanted to make changes then was because of the appalling record of illegal abortion in Britain. At that time, between 30 and 50 women a year had died as a result of criminal abortions and many more had been maimed and injured for life.

Another myth was that Britain was the abortion capital of the world. But in Britain the abortion rate was 12.2 per 1,000 women of child-bearing age, compared with 15.2 in France, 18.4 in Denmark, 19.1 in Italy and 27.4 in the United States.

He had yet to find anybody who was pro-abortion. Most of those who supported the present legislation operated on the basis that it was the lesser of two evils. Such charities as Mencap were among those who opposed the provisions in the Bill and supported the present law.

He had received a letter from a constituent who said she had had a late termination at 19-20 weeks because it was discovered that the baby had severe abnormalities. Having a termination had not been as bad as it would have been giving birth to a baby which the doctors had said would not have lived anyway.

Medical science had moved on since 1967 and it was now possible for a foetus born as early as 24 weeks to survive. He therefore supported the 24-week limit.

The Bill did not establish an 18-week limit. The actual medical practice allowed two weeks for safety. So the present 28-week limit was in practice a 26-week limit. The 24-week limit would in practice be 22 weeks. The Bill talked about the beginning of the 18th week, so that was a 17-week limit, and this in practice would be a 15-week limit.

That would deprive thousands of women of the opportunity of going to their medical practitioners and considering the case for a termination.

The Bill in its initial form provides that a woman's pregnancy may be terminated in accordance with section 1 of the Abortion Act 1967 at any time up to the beginning of the 18th week of gestation. The second provision is that up to the end of the 28th week of gestation, the pregnancy may be terminated by a registered medical practitioner in a public hospital or approved place if, and only if, either(a) two registered medical practitioners are of the opinion, formed in good faith, that the termination is necessary in order to save the life of the woman, or that the child is likely to be born dead or with physical abnormalities so serious that its life cannot be independently sustained, or

(b) the practitioner carrying out the termination is of the opinion, formed in good faith, that it is immediately necessary to save the woman's life or to prevent grave permanent injury to her physical health.

There was no doubt that the Bill would not be substantially altered in committee and, in any case, he believed that the second reading should be a vote on the principle of the Bill. This was not about tinkering with the upper limit on the number of weeks, it was a fundamental change to the 1967 Act and that was why he opposed it.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said that it was a very sad commentary on the way the House conducted its affairs that all similar Bills to this which had secured a second reading on the basis of principle had foundered because of procedural devices and for lack of time. It was sad because they knew there was a substantial majority of people in this country who were in favour of abortion reform.

For more than 20 years, he had been concerned at the way in which a civilized country like Britain had permitted, and indeed encouraged, the destruction every year of 150,000 unborn babies, most of whom, if born, would have been perfectly normal and healthy children.

In cases where the mother's life was in danger or where there were indications of grave and permanent damage to the child, the majority would accept that termination was justified.



A substantial majority of people in this country is in favour of abortion reform
Sir Bernard Braine

But tragic circumstances of that kind accounted for only a minute proportion of the total number of abortions carried out under the 1967 Act.

The overwhelming proportion of late abortions were performed in circumstances where the baby would have been perfectly healthy. There was only one word for this: murder.

Some of the most gifted and lovable people were born handicapped. Everyone had been moved by the story in *The Times* about Christopher Nolan, a spastic boy who typed with a stick attached to his forehead, winning the Whitbread Book of the Year Award.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said that the overwhelming number of children aborted after 18 weeks were not handicapped in any way. About 7.8 per cent were blemished, which meant that 92.2 per cent were perfectly normal children.

If the House was going to stick to the idea that a handicapped child could be destroyed, the implication was that they did not have the right to life. It was a terrible message to go out and was of concern to many handicapped persons.

The handicapped child had a right to life and that right should not depend solely on whether its mother wanted it or not.

The Rev Martin Smyth (Belfast South, OUP) said that the bulk of the people in Northern Ireland, irrespective of religious outlook or political conviction, had no desire to see the 1967 Act extended to the Province.

There was something ludicrous in a situation in which millions of pounds was spent helping doctors give youngsters a chance of life, at the same time as the climate of opinion allowed 3 million children, many with the potential for life, not to be given the choice.

He supported the principle of the Bill and the committe could work out the points of contention.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) said that he and his wife had chosen to adopt a handicapped child who had been shunted from pillar to post for six years and had been advertised in a newspaper. Figures showed that there were 648 abortions after 18 weeks on grounds of foetal handicap. If Mr Alton had his way, these would have been 648 births. That would allow one such handicaped child for each MP, excluding himself and the Deputy Speaker. If MPs did not want such children why should they impose them on other people?

Mr Alton seemed to regard suffering as a virtue. His Bill was monstrous.

Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) said that people opposing the Bill talked about the right to choose. But Parliament had a right to choose because every attempt to amend the 1967 Act had been defeated on procedure and not on a straight vote.

It had been suggested that the Bill would bring a return to back-street abortions, but before 1967 these abortions were usually done before 18 weeks. Nearly 50 per cent of abortions done now after that period involved women "shipped in by air and sea" because they could not get an abortion in their own country. "That means that we are back-street abortionists in this country, but for the rest of Europe, which will not allow them."

It was surely wrong to discriminate against any individual at any stage of life simply he or she did not meet standards of physical or mental discrimination set by others. Was it compassionate to take the life of the handicapped? Most abnormalities could be detected within 18 weeks, indeed within 10 weeks with the results within two weeks at most.

He believed in human life and objected to murder in the womb. Abortion after 18 weeks was murder in the womb.

Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that he would vote against the Bill because what was important was not when but under what medical and social circumstances abortion should be allowed. In a perfect world much could be said for freedom of choice up to 12 weeks, abortion thereafter to be permitted only for medical reasons up to 24 weeks. Unfortunately this was not a perfect world.

It was a world in which women were often frightened, unwise, uncertain, anguished, full of second thoughts, impoverished and with an imperfect NHS. In such an imperfect world a 12-week limit would be too restrictive and lead to more illegal abortions and a 24-week limit would rule out a number of necessary operations.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said that the Bill was deeply and fundamentally dishonest. It was put forward by members who opposed all abortion but did not have the honesty to put that forward, knowing that it would be defeated.

There was no requirement on anyone to have an abortion if they believed it was wrong. The debate was about people who claimed the right to impose their conscience on those whose conscience said otherwise. They were people who said their conscience opposed abortion and yet brought forward a Bill to permit it up to 18 weeks.

"Where is the conscience in that? It is a fudge and a muddle. A deeply duplicitous position is put by the sponsor of this Bill." He could have proposed a Bill with a 24-week limit and an exclusion clause for foetal disability. He had chosen not to do so.

She appealed to those in favour of preventing late abortions to vote against the Bill and wait for the consideration of the House of Lords committee considering abortion.

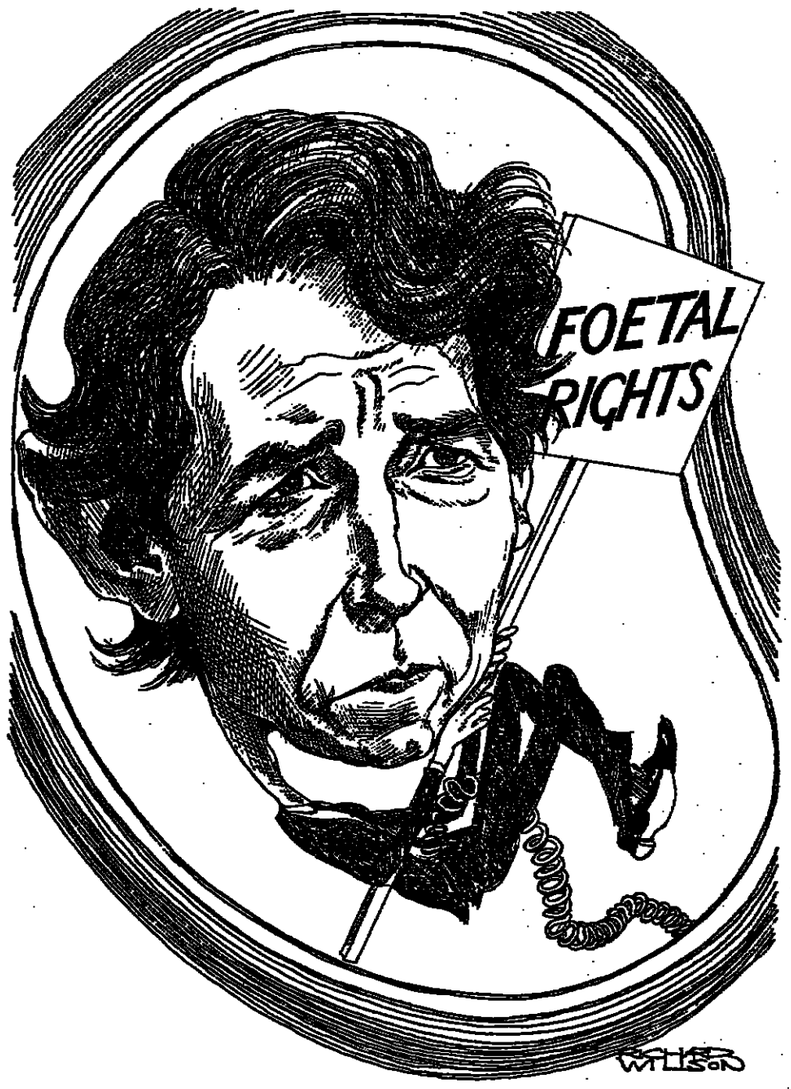
Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that the way ahead on the basis of consensus was clearly to amend the 1929 Infant Life Preservation Act to 24 weeks, which would in fact mean 22 weeks.

That would be supported by the medical profession. Since that was not what was put forward by this Bill he would oppose it but he would support anything put forward by the House of Lords committee.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said that it was an issue on which there were deeply held and contradictory views. The Government had no collective view of the merits of the proposal. While some would see moral considerations as overriding and others would see practical considerations overriding, most MPs would not see the issue in such a clear-cut way. They would want to strike the balance between conflicting considerations.

As a minister, he would concentrate on practical considerations and had no special status to advise others on matters of conscience or morality.

He had been advised that 22 weeks was considered by doctors to be the earliest time there was the slightest possibility of a foetus being born alive since before then the lungs were not mature enough to operate even if ventilated.



The Government had already made it a conditon of provision of private sector nursing homes that no abortions should be carried out after 24 weeks. The position was less clear in the National Health Service, but in 1986 only 29 abortions had been carried out in the 25th week or above.

It was likely that the figure would fall further, so the practical effect of introducing the 24-week limit into the Abortion Act would be very small.Despite that, there would be those who saw it as a significant move in establishing the principle of a limit.

Had the proposals of the Bill before the House been in place in 1986, 8,276 of the 172,000 abortions performed in England and Wales would not have taken place. Of these, 7,688 had been on non-residents, but they included women from Scotland and Northern Ireland. Those resident in foreign countries totalled 3,461, which was 42 per cent. The vast majority came from France, Spain and the Irish republic.

The numbers showed the difficulties women had in obtaining abortions in those countries. Some would see it as reflecting the great pressure that developed for women with an unwanted pregnanacy and that restrictions here would have the same consequences, with women going abroad or with back-street abortionists returning.

He was not in a position to make any kind of estimate of what the possible effects would be in relation, for example, to illegal abortion if the Bill was passed in its present form. It was undoubtedly one of the happiest facts of what had happened since 1967 that the number of deaths from criminal abortions had disappeared to nil in recent years.

The Bill would not affect the vast majority of abortions that currently took place. It was very unlikely that the Bill would result in a return to the rate of back-street abortions seen in the early 1960s and before. But it would be rash to say there was no risk whatever of some degree of return to abortions which would then be outside the law.

Some cases had been highlighted of young girls who had not recognized their pregnancy or had attempted to conceal it and of menopausal women who failed to recognized their pregnancy. Of the 8,276 abortions at 18 weeks and over in England and Wales in 1986 which would not have been carried out had this Bill been in place, 2,865 were on women aged under 20 and about 253 were on women aged 40 and over.



No special status to advise others on matters of conscience or morality
Tony Newton

There were various tests for foetal abnormality. Amniocentesis was done from 16 weeks. If it failed, the test might need to be repeated. Abortion stemming from the findings was seldom possible much before 20 weeks and sometimes might be as late as 24 weeks.

Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield, Lab), in an intervention, said that his wife had lost their first baby at full term but they had since had four healthy children. For the first two there were none of these tests. For the last two, they had all the tests and this had given them the option of choosing abortion if the babies had been severely handicapped.

Mr Newton said that if a foetal abnormality was detected by one testing method, another method might have to be used and that could mean delays. As the Bill stood, it was hard to resist the conclusion that there was likely to be some increase in the number of births of severely handicapped children whose mother might otherwise have decided to have an abortion.

But in his personal capacity as an individual MP, he would be more than ready to support the introduction of a clear, legal time-limit for abortions, but he did not find himself able conscientiously to support the passage of the Bill in the precise form in which it had been presented to the House.

Ms Jo Richardson, chief Opposition spokesman on women, said that Mr Alton had hinted that it was up to the committee on the Bill to suggest amendments on the upper limit. But he had drafted his Bill with remarkable precision on the limit.

There had been cases where abnormality or lack of development appeared to be indicated by early ultra sound screening but in which further tests had revealed that the abnormality had disappeared. If this Bill went through it was possible that doctors, because they were cautious and worried, would abort unnecessarily.

The Bill was draconian and ill thought out and would not help deprived women

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C), replying to the debate on behalf of the sponsors of the Bill, said that the current limit of 28 weeks was the reason why so many women came to Britain for abortions. Some 45 per cent of the total in recent years came from other countries.

Time for rethink, MPs are told

Although he thought that the upper limit for abortions should be a gestation period of 18 weeks, **Mr David Alton** (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) told MPs that he was willing to accept another limit as long as this did not emasculate his Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

He made clear his opposition to all abortion, but said that, even if an exemption were later included for foetuses likely to be born deformed, the Bill would still be of enormous worth. Moving second reading, he said that the issue gave rise to sensitivities, anger, bitterness and sometimes even hatred, but by and large MPs had conducted the debate in the country with great dignity and decorum.

"Public and partiamentary opinion clearly believe that, in the light of medical and scientific advances, a clear upper time-limit, beyond which abortions may not occur, should be established."

In the 1967 Act there was no upper time-limit for abortions. No distinction was made between early and late abortions. In the 1929 Act there was a "rule of thumb" to the effect that at any time after the 28th week of pregnancy the child was assumed to be capable of being born alive. It was not unrealistic to ask Parliament to look at that rule.

Sir James Spicer (West Dorset, C) intervened to ask Mr Alton for an assurance that he would accept a middle-ground time between 18 and 28 weeks, which would bring many people on to his side.

Mr Alton said that he had made clear that though he felt that 18 weeks was about right, in committee it would be "absolutely proper to examine other possible places where a time-limit might be established." If an amendment was incorporated, so long as it did not emasculate his Bill beyond recognition, he would be happy to accept anything that could be done to rationalize the law.

Answering another intervention from **Mr Dafydd Wigley** (Caernarfon, Pl C) he pointed out that his Bill included an exclusion clause for those cases of disability incompatible with life.

Introducing the 1967 Act, Mr David Steel had said that he intended to eliminate back-street abortions and that he did not intend to leave a wider upper limit for abortion on request. But who could doubt, nearly three million abortions later, 600 done every working day, including some simply on the grounds of the gender of a child, that Britain now had anything other than abortion on demand in most parts of the country?

Twenty years ago it would have been impossible accurately to date the exact time of gestational development or the characteristics of the developing child. But clearly, ultra-sound screening, amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling had changed all that.

Every country and age would be judged by how they treated their people. By 18 weeks a foetus was not a blob of jelly.

Two principal methods were used in late abortions. The prostaglandin method was most usual in NHS hospitals. Labour was induced by drugs. It was more painful than normal labour and could last twenty hours. Because of the chance that the child would be born alive the baby was usually poisoned before birth.

The method in private clinics was dilation and evacuation. The cervix was dilated and the baby's body removed piece by piece. The skull was crushed, the spine was snapped. A nurse had to put the body back together to make sure it had all been removed.

When the party lines are crossed: how the Commons voted

Those who voted for the Bill were:

Conservative: Mr Jonathan Aitken; Mr Michael Alison; Mr Rupert Allason; Mr David Amess; Mr Alan Amos; Mr Jacques Arnold; Mr Tom Arnold; Mr David Ashby; Mr Jack Aspinwall; Mr David Atkinson; Mr Nicholas Baker; Mr Tony Baldry; Mr Vivian Bendall; Mr Nicholas Bennett; Mr William Benyon; Mr David Bevan; Sir John Biggs-Davison; Dr John Blackman; Sir Peter Blaker; Mr Robert Boscawen; Mr Timothy Boswell; Mr Andrew Bowden; Mr Gerald Bowden; Mr John Bowis; Sir Rhodes Boyson; Sir Bernard Braine; Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo; Mr Julian Brazier; Mr Graham Bright; Mr Michael Brown; Mr Nicholas Budgen; Mr Simon Burns; Mr Alistair Burt; Mr John Butcher; Mr Christopher Butler; Mr John Butterfill; Mr Kenneth Carlisle; Mr Matthew Carrington; Mr William Cash; Mrs Lynda Chalker; Mr Paul Channon; Mr Sydney Chapman; Mr Christopher Chope; Mr Alan Clark; Dr Michael Clark; Sir William Clark; Mr Derek Conway; Mr Simon Coombs; Mr John Cope; Mr David Curry; Mr David Davis; Mr Steven Day; Mr Tim Devlin, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Mr Terence Dicks, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Den Dover, Mr Robert Dunn, Mr Tony Durant, Mr Timothy Eggar, Sir Peter Emery, Mr David Evennett, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Tony Favell, Dame Peggy Fenner, Sir Goeffrey Finsberg, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Michael Forsyth, Sir Marcus Fox, Mr Cecil Franks, Mr Roger Freeman, Mr Douglas French, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, Dr Alan Glyn, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr Ian Gow, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr John Greenway, Mr Conal Gregory, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr Jeremy Hanley, Mr John Hannam, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr Joseph Hargreaves, Mr Christopher Hawkins, Mr Jeremy Hayes, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Mr Robert Hayward, Mr John Heddle, Mrs Maureen Hicks, Mr James Hill, Mr Kenneth Hind, Mr Richard Holt, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Michael Howard, Mr David Howell, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr David Hunt, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Michael Irvine, Mr Charles Irving, Mr Timothy Janman, Mr Gwilym Jones, Mr Robert Jones, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr Robert Key, Mr Roger King, Mr Timothy Kirkhope, Mr Roger Knapman, Mr Gregory Knight, Dame Jill Knight, Mr Norman Lamont, Mr Ian Lang, Mr Michael Latham, Mr Ivan Lawrence, Mr Nigel Lawson, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr James Lester, Mr David Lightbown, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Michael Lord, Mr Richard Luce, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Mr Robert McCrindle, Mr Neil Macfarlane, Mr John MacGregor, Mr David Maclean, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr John Major, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Keith Mans, Mr Antony Marlow, Mr John Marshall, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Francis Maude, Dr Brian Mawhinney, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr David Mellor, Mr Hal Miller, Mr Roger Moate, Sir Hector Monro, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Mr John Moore, Mr Michael Morris, Mr Peter Morrison, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Colin Moynihan, Mr Michael Neubert, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr David Nicholson, Mr Richard Page, Mr James Paice, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr John Patten, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Mr James Pawsey, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Mr Barry Porter, Mr David Porter, Mr Michael Portillo, Mr William Powell, Sir David Price, Mr Timothy Raison, Mr John Redwood, Mr Timothy Renton, Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams, Mr Wyn Roberts, Mrs Marion Roe, Sir Hugh Rossi,



Douglas Hurd (Con): Voted for Bill

Mr Peter Rost, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr David Shaw, Mr William Shelton, Mr Colin Shepherd, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Michael Shersby, Mr Roger Sims, Sir Trevor Skeet, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Keith Speed, Mr Tony Speller, Mr Michael Spicer, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Mr John Stanley, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Michael Stern, Mr Lewis Stevens, Mr Andrew Stewart, Mr Allan Stewart, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr John Stokes, Mr David Sumberg, Mr Hugo Summerson, Mr John M Taylor, Mr Teddy Taylor, Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Donald Thompson, Mr Patrick Thompson, Mr Neil Thorne, Mr Malcolm Thornton, Mr Cyril Townsend, Mr Richard Tracey, Mr David Trippier, Dr Ian Twinn, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Mr David Waddington, Mr John Wakeham, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr George Walden, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Dennis Walters, Mr John Ward, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr John Watts, Mr Raymond Whitney, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Timothy Wood, Mr Tim Yeo.

Labour: Mr John Battle, Mr Stuart Bell, Dr Jeremy Bray, Mr Ronald Campbell, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Thomas Clarke, Mr Frank Cook, Mr Stanley Crowther, Mr John Cummings, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Don Dixon, Mr Frank Field, Mr Bruce Grocott, Mr Peter Hardy, Mr Sean Hughes, Mr David Lambie, Mr James Lamond, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr John McFall, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Michael Martin, Mr Bruce Millan, Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Gordon Oakes, Mr William O'Brien, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Tom Pendry, Dr John Reid, Mr George Robertson, Mr Edward Rowlands, Mr John Smith, Mr John Thompson, Mr Anthony Worthington.

Others: Mr David Alton (L), Mr Alan Beith (L), Mr Roy Beggs (OUP), Mr Alex Carlile (L), Mrs Margaret Ewing (SNP), Mr Ronald Fearn (L), Mr Clifford Forsythe (OUP), Mr Simon Hughes (L), Mr John Hume (SDLP), Mr Charles Kennedy (SDP), Mr James Kilfedder (UPUP), Mr Harold McCusker (OUP), the Rev William McCrea (DUP), Mr Edward McGrady (SDLP), Mr Kenneth Maginnis (OUP), Mr Seamus Mallon (SDLP), Mr James Molyneaux (OUP), the Rev Ian Paisley (DUP), Mr Peter Robinson (DUP), Mr William Ross (OUP), Mr Alexander Salmond (SNP), Mr Cyril Smith (L), the Rev Martin Smyth (OUP), Mr Cecil Walker (OUP), Mr Andrew Welsh (SNP).
Tellers: Miss Ann Widdecombe (C) and Mr Toby Jessel (C).
Those who voted against the Bill were:

Conservative: Mr Robert Adley, Mr Richard Alexander, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr John Browne, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Sir Antony Buck, Mr John Carlisle (Luton North), Mr Michael Colvin, Mr James Couchman, Mr James Cran, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr David Evans, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr Eric Forth, Mr George Gardiner, Mr Christopher Gill, Sir Ian Gilmour, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, Mrs Theresa Gorman, Mr Patrick Ground, Mr Alan Haselhurst, Mr Edward Heath, Mr Robert Hicks, Mr Terence Higgins, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr John Hunt, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Michael Knowles, Mr David Knox, Mr John Lee, Mr David Madel, Mr John Maples, Mr Paul Mariand, Mr David Martin, Mr Norman Miscampbell, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr David Mitchell, Sir Charles Morrison, Mr Richard Needham, Mr Tony Nelson, Miss Emma Nicholson, Mr Irvine Patnick, Mr Keith Raffan, Mr Tim Rathbone, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Mr Graham Riddick, Mr Richard Ryder, Mr Thomas Sackville, Mr Nicholas Scott, Sir Giles Shaw, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield), Sir James Spicer, Mr Robin Squire, Sir John Stradling Thomas, Mr Peter Thurnham, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Neville Trotter, Mr Kenneth Warren, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr John Wheeler, Mr Jerry Wiggin, Mr Mark Wolfson.

Labour: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Allen Adams, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Peter Archer, Ms Hilary Armstrong, Mr Jack Ashley, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Margaret Beckett, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Andrew Bennett, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Sydney Bidwell, Mr Anthony Blair, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Roland Boyes, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Gordon Brown, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Ronald Brown, Mr Norman Buchan, Mr George Buckley, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Jim Callaghan, Dr David Clark, Mr Robert Clay, Mr David Clelland, Mrs Ann Clwyd, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Donald Coleman, Mr Robin Cook, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr James Cousins, Mr Tom Cox, Mr Robert Cryer, Dr John Cunningham, Mr Alistair Darling, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr Ronald Davies, Mr Terence Davis, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Frank Doran, Mr James Dunnachie, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Alex Eadie, Mr Kenneth Eastham, Mr John Evans, Mr Harry Ewing, Mr Derek Fatchett, Mr Andrew Faulds, Mr Terry Fields, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Martin Flannery, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Michael Foot, Mr Derek Foster, Mr George Foulkes, Mr John Fraser, Mrs Maria Fyfe, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr John Garrett, Mr Edward Garrett, Mr Bruce George, Dr John Gilbert, Dr Norman Godman, Mrs Llin Golding, Ms Mildred Gordon, Mr Bryan Gould, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Wyn Griffiths, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Frank Haynes, Mr Denis Healey, Mr Eric Heffer, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Stuart Holland, Mr James Hood, Mr George Howarth, Mr Douglas Hoyle, Mr John Hughes, Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North), Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Greville Janner, Mr Brynmor John, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Neil Kinnock, Mr Edward Leadbitter, Mr Ronald Leighton, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Robert Litherland, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Edward Loyden, Mr John McAllion, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Henry McLeish, Mr Robert McTaggart, Mr Max Madden, Mrs Alice Mahon, Dr John Marek, Mr James Marshall, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr John Maxton, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr Rhodri Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr John Morris, Ms Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr David Nellist, Mr Martin O'Neill, Mr Stanley Orme, Mr Terry Patchett, Mr Peter Pike, Mr Ray Powell, Mr John Prescott, Ms Dawn Primarolo, Ms Joyce Quin, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Stuart Randall, Mr Martin Redmond, Mr Merlyn Rees, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Ernie Ross, Ms Joan Ruddock, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Robert Sheldon, Mr Peter Shore, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Gerald Steinberg, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Gavin Strang, Mr Jack Straw, Mrs Ann Taylor, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr Patrick Wall, Ms Joan Walley, Mr Gareth Wardell, Mr Robert Wareing, Mr Michael Welsh, Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West), Mr Alan Williams (Carmarthen), Mr Brian Wilson, Mr David Winnick, Mrs Audrey Wise, Mr David Young.



Dr Jeremmy Bray (Lab): Voted for Bill

Others: Mrs Rosie Barnes (SDP), Mr Malcolm Bruce (L), Mr Menzies Campbell (L), Mr John Cartwright (SDP), Mr Geraint Howells (L), Sir Russell Johnston (L), Mr Archy Kirkwood (L), Mr Richard Livsey (L), Mr Robert Maclennan (SDP), Mrs Ray Michie (L), Dr David Owen (SDP), Mr David Steel (L), Mr Matthew Taylor (L), Mr Dafydd Thomas (Pl C), Mr Dafydd Wigley (Pl C).

Tellers against the Bill were Ms Clare Short (Lab) and Mr Andrew MacKay (C).

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TV campaign starts to encourage fitting of smoke detectors

By David Sapsted

The Government is to consider a nationwide television advertising campaign to encourage every family to install smoke detectors in homes after this year's spate of deaths from fires involving polyurethane foam furniture.

An experimental television campaign has been launched in the Tyne-Tees Television region. Another is about to start in Greater London. "When we have assessed the success of these campaigns we will consider a national campaign", the Home Office said yesterday.

Increasing numbers of insurance companies are also considering incentives to persuade householders to buy detectors.

The Guardian Royal Exchange and Norwich Union, the first to offer discounts on the purchase of detectors to household policy-holders, have extended the offer to anyone with a policy of any sort with them.

Other companies, such as General Accident, Commercial Union, the Prudential and *Legal and General*, are considering similar schemes.

However, the Association of British Insurers believes discount offers on the products will be more common than reductions in premiums for people who install detectors.

"The fire risk on an average household insurance premium of £100 is only £15 and so a 10 per cent discount on that would not really be worth the effort", a spokesman for the association said.

Infra-red smoke detectors work when a beam is broken by passing smoke, thus setting off an alarm. Pipe smokers sometimes can accidentally set them off. Another type works by detecting a rise in temperature.

The Government, in co-operation with Greater Manchester Fire Brigade, is also about to embark on a scheme to install free detectors in 10,000 homes in the Thameside local authority area.

Surveys in the United States, where the compulsory installation of such equipment can form part of local building regulations, have shown that about half of the detectors are inoperative after two years or more.

The Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association, supported by various consumer, safety and local authority groups, is pressing the Government to abolish value-added tax on smoke detectors in an attempt to encourage every householder in the country to install one.

"Installation, however, is only part of the battle. They have to be put in the right place and they have to be kept in working order. Every family should also have worked out a plan beforehand on what to do when the alarm goes off", *the Fire Protection Association said.*

A spokesman for the organization said that, ideally, each home should have two alarms: one on the hall ceiling and the other on the landing. Where only one was fitted, it should be in the hall, he said.

The cost of each device, which can be simply installed by screwing it to the ceiling, is between £10 and £25. They work on an ionizing principle, and the batteries last about a year.

Learning about life on the farm



Children from London finding out about life on the farm (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

By John Young

Children from a school in Kentish Town, north-west London, saw the countryside at work when they visited a dairy farm near Horley in Surrey.

The youngsters from Carlton Junior School were taking part in an educational project begun three years ago by the South of England Agricultural Society and Brighton Polytechnic, to counter urban indifference and even hostility to agriculture.

So far 18 schools, in Sussex, Kent, Surrey and Hampshire, and this year for the first time London, have been adopted by farmers who welcome parties of children several times a year.

Miss Valerie Mellor, one of the project's instigators, said that, although children were encouraged to take an affectionate interest in the animals, for instance by adopting a calf, no attempt was made to present a prettified image of farming. They were told that animals were killed, accidents could happen, and that chemicals were used.

Miss Anne Shailer, a teacher at Carlton, said her pupils were very enthusiastic. A single visit to a farm was likely to be quickly forgotten, *but this project lasted all year.*

As it happened many of the Carlton children were more familiar with farm life than might be expected. One, from Ireland, had seen it all before; another had an uncle who farmed in Wales; and several were regular visitors to the *City Farm* about 200 yards from their school.

The links between town and country may not, after all, be quite so fragile as is generally believed.

'Naked' assault accusation rejected

A woman anti-apartheid demonstrator who claimed she was stripped naked and laughed at by policemen, was criticized by a judge yesterday after a jury threw out her case.

Judge Percival Harris, QC, described Simone Dewhurst, aged 21, as "a naive and immature young woman who may have been manipulated by other forces.

"It is a matter of great seriousness to make allegations of this sort which the jury have quite rightly found were quite wrong and baseless", he said.

Miss Dewhurst, a chief steward at a protest, was arrested for *obstruction* and assault outside South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, central London. She was taken to Cannon Row police station and given a bodysearch.

She accused Police Sergeant Benjamin Mander, aged 28, of saying: "Your breasts are a funny shape" and "your hair is a funny colour".

Miss Dewhurst, of Bradbury Street, Hackney, east London, claimed other male officers *looked into the cell* when she was standing naked and started laughing at her.

But the jury at Westminster County Court rejected the charges of imprisonment and malicious prosecution brought by Miss Dewhurst in a private summons against police.

Miss Dewhurst, a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, said Sgt Mander scratched her arm in 60 places drawing blood, while making remarks.

After the jury returned their verdict Miss Dewhurst, who had been described as being "embroiled in a war of provocation", sat sobbing.

Judge Harris told her he had considered sending the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"There was a reasonable cause for her arrest which was not wrongful, nor was her subsequent detention in the police station unlawful", he said.

Miss Dewhurst left the court in a flood of tears, refusing to comment on the result. But a colleague in the City of London anti-apartheid movement said: "She is now going directly to see her solicitors to consider an appeal".

Housing Bill

Hard line on bad landlords

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Government yesterday promised tough measures under its Housing Bill to protect private tenants by combating bad landlords who resort to harassment or illegal evictions.

Mrs Marion Roe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment, said the Bill would make life harder for landlords resorting to those activities.

Speaking in London at the first of a series of seminars on the Bill organized by the Institute of Housing, Mrs Roe said: "Let me warn bad landlords who might be thinking of acting in an irresponsible or unlawful way towards tenants, that their chances of getting away with it in future will be considerably less. And when they are caught, we are going to make sure they pay for what they have done."

The Bill strengthens the criminal law by providing an additional offence of harassing a residential occupier knowing that this was likely to *drive him out, which* Mrs Roe said would be easier to prove than the existing offence which involves a test of intent. In addition the Bill provides a right to improved compensation to tenants driven out by harassment or illegal eviction.

She added that the Government would be discussing with the Magistrates' Association whether there was any advice they could give to their members about appropriate penalties for guilty landlords.

Mrs Roe said that people who argued that the only way to tackle the problem was to adopt a system of formal approval of landlords were wrong, although she sympathized with their intentions.

"The bureaucracy surrounding a formal system of *approving landlords is* almost certain to deter small scale landlords, but still not keep out some very clever landlords with criminal tendencies." A much better way was to catch bad landlords and to inflict proper penalties.

She said the Bill was designed *to safeguard tenants'* rights, while increasing the amount of property available for renting.

"All social groups in society stand to gain from our proposals, but it is the less well off and those who are homeless who will benefit most of all."

Farmers face split over aid proposal

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union faces one of the gravest splits in its history over the issue of whether government and EEC assistance should be diverted to small farmers in financial difficulties.

Mr Simon Gourlay, NFU chairman, suffered a setback this week when the union's council refused to accept a working party report rejecting discrimination in favour of smaller farmers as impracticable.

During the meeting one member was refused permission to quote from a confidential document alleged to raise the prospect of a breakaway movement.

The issue will now go before next month's annual meeting, at which delegates from areas such as Wales, the West Country and the North-west are sure to revive accusations that the union leadership is dominated by large landowners who do not do enough for less fortunate colleagues.

Widespread criticism greeted the publication in late 1985 of a NFU policy document entitled *Safeguarding the Smaller Farmer.*

As a result the union established a working party to examine various options.

Those included direct income payments by the Exchequer, seen as a form of supplementary benefit; the extension of production quotas to most commodities; and the manipulation of EEC price support arrangements to provide positive discrimination in favour of the small farmers.

But the report rejected all three options and concluded that if money saved on price support was used for payments to farmers most at risk, it would simply mean a switch in the burden from the consumer to the taxpayer.

"Positive discrimination", in the form of paying higher support prices to smaller producers, and relatively lower prices to larger ones, would provide only marginal benefits to the former and would be a disadvantage to the latter, creating the risk of splitting the NFU, the report said.

"Those who favour this approach believe these risks are worth running for the benefits of being seen to support the small farmer and to preserve the farming structure", Mr Gourlay said.

But the NFU could not support that approach.

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British adventurers to scale new heights of innovation

By Howard Foster and Ronald Faux

Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham Fiennes is to attempt one of the last unconquered pinnacles of human endeavour, a 425-mile walk to the North Pole, unsupported by machine, animal or airborne back-up.

Sir Ranulph and two companions will set out from Ward Hunt Island in March to haul special sledges developed by British Aerospace to the geographic North Pole in about 60 days.

At the same time, an expedition of 36 British soldiers, sailors, Air Force officers and Royal Marines will attempt to climb the rarely conquered west face of Mount Everest using another revolutionary British design, lightweight portable huts made of synthetic paper and foam.

The two expeditions were announced separately in London yesterday. Sir Ranulph, who was named as the world's greatest living explorer by the *Guinness Book of Records*, said at BAe headquarters that his team had only a short time between polar darkness and the melting of the ice to complete their mission.

Nearly a dozen expeditions have successfully reached the North Pole across the ice but all used machines or dogs or brought in aircraft to drop supplies.

Sir Ranulph holds the world record for an unsupported attempt. The onset of gangrene and lack of medical supplies forced his team to abandon a 1986 attempt after a journey of 107 miles.

Sir Ranulph said the team would encounter 40ft high walls of ice. BAe had developed the sledges to act as bridges and as boats but the biggest problem would be injury if they slipped into thin ice or water.

"If someone is very tired and hasn't bothered to undo themselves from the harness linking them to the sledge, they would be taken down the slopes with it", Sir Ranulph said.

He dealt with the problems of frostbite, self-amputation, gangrene and polar bears in typical throwaway style.

"Ninety per cent of polar bears do not attack human beings but if any do come towards us we will not be in a position to ask which group they belong to. We shall have to shoot them", he said.

The polar sledgestook two years to develop using Kevlar, a low friction, lightweight carbon fibre material used in sailing and in aerospace.

Racal has provided radio equipment which is designed to operate at temperatures of -40C. A married couple, Laurence and Morag Howell, will remain on Ward Hunt Island to keep in radio contact with Sir Ranulph and his team members, Mr Oliver Shepard and Dr Mike Stroud.

The expedition, as well as attempting the endurance record, will carry out scientific research including tests on nutrition and industrial pollution of the polar region.

At the Royal Geographical Society, Lt Col Dougie Keelan, of the Royal Marines, who is leading the services' assault on Mount Everest, said that four portable huts of paper and foam would be tested on their expedition.

The huts were designed by Squadron Leader Keith Hunter, a team member, and were tested in storm-force conditions in a wind tunnel at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hampshire.

One big version will be used as a base camp mess tent and briefing room and smaller versions would be used higher up the mountain. It is hoped that the huts could have a wider military use as winter survival shelters if they withstand the Everest trial.

The climbers, chosen from 150 service men who applied, will leave next month and spend three months attempting the climb from the Chinese side.

Lt Col Keelan said there had been 19 British attempts on Everest since the first ascent in 1953 but only three had succeeded, including the 1976 British Army expedition.

He said much would depend on the weather, which had been behaving oddly of late.

If conditions allowed, they hoped to be able to present the Duke of Edinburgh, their patron, with a photograph of a British soldier, sailor, airman and marine standing on the world's highest point.

Punishing press over spy book 'tilting at windmills'

Sir John Donaldson said that he was operating his own "boycott" of *Spycatcher*. "I have deliberately not bought a copy of *Spycatcher*", he told the court.

He had been presented with a copy of the book for the purpose of the case but he had not read it.

"I am very happy to boycott the book, but that is a purely personal thing, of course", he added.

The Government's attempt to assert British sovereignty by punishing the national press was really "tilting at windmills", counsel for *The Sunday Times* told the *Spycatcher* appeal hearing yesterday.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, said in the Court of Appeal that the granting of injunctions against newspapers would not deal with the problem of how to discourage a future Mr Wright "or Mr Wrong" from revealing state secrets.

"Obviously nothing we can do in this case can stop a future Philby from defecting and giving secrets to our enemies", he told Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Bingham.

"How can we stop a future Mr Wrong from going to the US, which has a robust guarantee of free speech, and exploiting his information for huge commercial gain, relying on the fact that it is almost impossible to impose an effective ban on the book coming into this country?"

The Crown could only prevent that by creating an enforceable regime of internal vetting by the security service itself. That would permit books and articles to be written by former MI5 members, but only after they had been vetted.

The Sunday Times, *The Guardian* and *The Observer* are contesting an appeal by Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney-General, against Mr Justice Scott's refusal in the High Court last month to ban press reports of the best-selling memoirs of Peter Wright, the retired MI5 officer.

Mr Lester said: "It is really tilting at windmills now to seek to punish the press in this country — whether *The Sunday Times* for serializing the book or *The Observer* and *The Guardian* for some other wrongdoing — in order to assert British sovereignty and not surrender to the US Constitution when the core problem is how to prevent this happening in the future".

The "absolutist" approach of the Government in saying that nothing could be published without authority and that this would be enforced by the courts in the public interest could not "pass muster" in any country with a constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of speech, he said.

The problem would only be solved, Mr Lester said, when the Government and the security service had arrangements which would "kill" commercial motives for treachery and could maximize the enforceability of those arrangements in friendly countries where there were real markets.

The case, he said, was not "a competition for absolute principle" between the press and the Government.

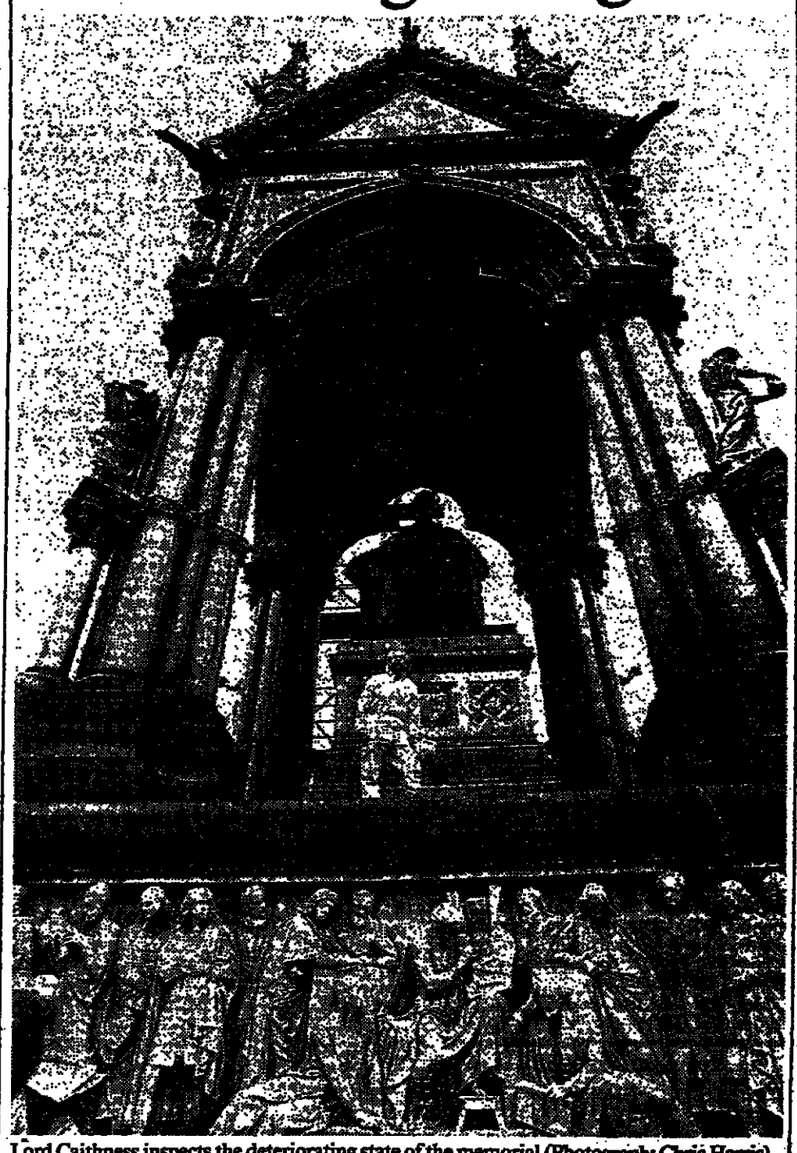
The newspapers involved in the action were seeking a balance of competing public interests while recognizing there were pressing social needs on both sides.

Mr Lester said Parliament had turned a blind eye to the "fact of life" that the security service had to use unorthodox means to protect the state.

"Unorthodox", Mr Lester said, was his euphemism for what would be termed "illegal".

The hearing continues on Monday.

£7m for a gilded giant



Lord Caithness inspects the deteriorating state of the memorial (Photograph: Chris Harris).

By Alan Hamilton

The Government, with its self-proclaimed admiration of Victorian values, is at least being more charitable towards the sickly and decrepit Albert Memorial than was Gladstone, who haggled over its cost and delayed its building to the annoyance of the Queen.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has announced that his department will bear the full cost, estimated at a minimum of £7 million, of restoring what Osbert Sitwell described as "that wistful, unique monument of widowhood". Yesterday Lord Caithness, Minister of State at the Department, inspected the memorial's condition, which deteriorates with every rainy day that passes.

George Gilbert Scott was knighted for his design but his guttering has been found wanting. Over the years rainwater has seeped into the structure, rusting the iron framework to a dangerous degree, swelling the stonework from within and causing pieces to fall off.

Engineers are examining the structure. Replacement of the rusting ironwork which supports the spire is the most urgent task, and temporary scaffolding may be necessary to prevent the whole edifice collapsing. It is already surrounded by a hoarding to protect passers-by.

The Government is to invite studies on how best to repair the memorial, opened in 1872, and major restoration is expected to begin in two years' time. Meanwhile John Foley's statue sits impassively beneath, "that gilded and pensive giant on his dais under the Gothic canopy, strewn with white mosaic daisies of a blameless life".

Solicitors to put off partnership vote

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society council's crucial vote next week on whether solicitors may "set up shop" with other professionals in mixed partnerships is certain to be postponed until July.

A report to council members will recommend that they take no vote on what is regarded as the most important issue faced by the profession this century.

The society would not explain the reason for postponing the vote, which could lead to "one stop shopping" in the housebuyers' market and elsewhere, as urged by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading. The report will be published next week, the society said.

According to one solicitor, a reason for the postponement was that the Lord Chancellor has still not published the rules governing the way building societies and banks can offer services to the public.

These rules, which will determine the extent to which those bodies can offer conveyancing to the public, are crucial to the decision on mixed partnerships.

"If building societies are able to offer financial packages and one-stop shopping in competition with solicitors, this could have a very significant effect on the vote", the solicitor said.

There was also speculation among supporters of mixed partnerships that a council vote now, soon after the recent meeting of local Law Society presidents and secretaries which turned down mixed partnerships, would be bound to be negative.

Instead, the council will vote on a strategy for other related issues — whether they can practise as limited companies; hive off parts of their practices as separate business; and enter into arrangements with building societies and other third parties for the introduction of work.

At present solicitors are not allowed to join in partnership with other professionals. But there has been considerable pressure for a change in the rules, both from Sir Gordon Borrie and solicitors themselves.

Those against fear that mixed practices would erode their independence and lead to unacceptable lowering of standards, controls and safeguards for clients.

Man tried to walk 250 miles to court

An unemployed man who set out to walk 250 miles from his home to appear in court, after the DHSS refused to pay his fare, arrived at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Alan Martin, aged 25, of Eastcroft Road, Grangetown, Middlesbrough, failed to appear in court last month because he had only reached Birmingham. At that hearing Judge Capstick refused to issue an arrest warrant because he said Martin was making an effort to obey the summons.

Martin, who travelled by coach yesterday, financed by the probation service, pleaded guilty to arson at a building site in London last September and was sentenced to two years probation.

£1.5m charges

Harvey Michael Ross, a businessman, aged 39, who was extradited from Uruguay, faced 46 charges of theft and two charges of deception, involving a total of more than £1.5 million, when he appeared before Leeds magistrates yesterday. Mr Ross was remanded in custody for a week.

Nurse guilty

A former deputy nurse at a home for the elderly at Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, where a male resident died after being badly scalded in a bath, pleaded guilty before North Shields magistrates yesterday to a charge of negligence. Suzanne Luck, of Reid Avenue, Wallsend, will be sentenced on February 23.

Army death

Private William Giles, aged 24, of the Cheshire Regiment, whose duties included guarding members of the Royal Family, was found shot dead at Caterham Barracks, Surrey, yesterday. The Army said the death was being treated as suicide.

Moors visit

A hypnotist was taken to Saddleworth Moor, Greater Manchester, yesterday to familiarize himself with the terrain, after an offer from Myra Hindley, the moors murderer, to be hypnotized in an attempt to find the body of Keith Bennett.

Solicitor fined

Clive Lougher, a solicitor, of Kelvin Rd, Cardiff, was fined £10,800 with £500 costs after admitting making multiple applications for TSB shares, at Bow Street magistrates' court, London, yesterday.

Higher rates

The London Residuary Body, liquidator of the assets of the Greater London Council, plans to increase its levy on ratepayers by 29 per cent next year and raise spending by £6.4 million to £28 million.

Marina start

Work will start next month on a £20 million yacht marina and luxury housing complex at Falmouth, Cornwall, unless a public inquiry is ordered by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

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New graduates in business scheme

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Management training courses for recently qualified graduates are being expanded as part of a government campaign to persuade more graduates to start their own businesses.

The scheme will have enough places each year to turn 450 graduates into entrepreneurs and businessmen. At present, only about 150 graduates get help.

The expansion comes with the redesign of the Graduate Enterprise Programme, run by the Manpower Services Commission. The number of business schools involved is being increased from seven to 10.

The commission is concerned that although graduates represent the brightest young talent, fewer than one in 300 go into business on their own.

However, it has found that a high proportion of degree holders who go through the enterprise programme set up successful businesses.

The new effort to persuade more graduates to take advantage of the programme begins later this month with "awareness-raising seminars" at degree-awarding institutions around Britain.

Graduates will be able to discuss their ideas with business specialists and will be told of the advantages of self-employment.

They will be helped to put together a business plan at a two-day workshop during the second phase in the spring. It is then that they will be invited to join the programme.

Competition is expected to be fierce, with about 2,000 graduates applying for places on the main part of the programme, a four-week session with a business school.

The session of full-time tuition includes teaching graduates many of the skills needed to set up and run a business, as well as field research.

Afterwards there will be opportunity for further counselling and advice as the business venture is launched.

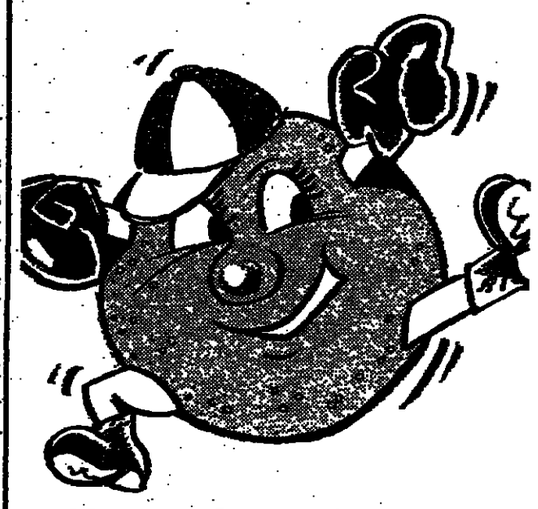
The commission provides a weekly allowance of £40, or £62 for married people, during the four-week training.

● The right-wing Aims of Industry organization is going to carry out a national and provincial advertising campaign to put forward the case for free enterprise, it was announced yesterday.

Three new members, Sir Clifford Chetwood, chairman of Wimpeys, Mr Denis Cross, director of Hambros Bank, and Mr Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra Investment Trust, have been elected to the body's council to help cope with "the new challenges and opportunities presented by the era of Thatcher governments".

A panel of advisers has also been created. It includes Lord Bruce-Gardyne, Lord Orr-Ewing, Sir Geoffrey Pattie MP, John Redwood MP, Mr T. E. Utley, the *Times* journalist, and Mr Michael Wates, chairman of Wates Holdings.

Mr Michael Ivens, director of the organization, said yesterday that only 32 per cent of the British electorate voted in the last general election for a party with policies positively favourable to free enterprise. "So the need for a general education campaign is apparent", he said.



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WORLD ROUNDUP

Protester fails to ruffle Duchess

New York (Reuter) — The FBI started an investigation yesterday into an alleged attack on the Duchess of York by an Irish nationalist sympathizer, but his lawyer claimed the man was the real victim. The Duchess was unruffled by the incident outside the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Thursday night, in which police said a man lunged at her with a six-foot long flagpole. She had returned from being guest of honour at a gala performance of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Heavily protected by police, the Duchess waved and smiled to a crowd of 100 bystanders yesterday as she left the hotel to return to London after her two-day visit. A British official said: "It was a minor incident."

Her alleged attacker, Michael Shanley, aged 22, a third generation Irish-American, was to be charged with attempting to assault her and with assaulting a security man. But Frank Durkin, his lawyer, said that security men had over-reacted. "There was no overt action at all. Shanley was just standing there with the flagpole."

Entente cordiale

Paris — Twenty-five years almost to the hour after France and West Germany concluded their historic Elysée treaty, President Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday put their names to new undertakings intended to link the former enemies more closely (Philip Jacobson writes).

In the Elysée Palace's Salon Murat, on the precise spot where the document was signed, they created a joint council on defence and security and another responsible for financial and economic affairs.

After an exchange of leather-bound protocols, a lingering handshake and a few words about "sharing a common destiny", they set off for more ceremonial celebrations.

Aquino land vow

Manila — President Aquino of the Philippines went on television yesterday to reaffirm her commitment to land reform (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

She even said that her family's sugar estate of Hacienda Luisita, two hours' drive north of Manila and the biggest in the country, would be broken up once legislation was passed.

She made her address as several thousand demonstrators marched towards the presidential palace, accusing her of implementing right-wing policies and only caring about the rich. The protesters were commemorating the deaths a year ago of 13 peasant farmers, when troops fired on a mass rally about the same issues in the same place.

Pledge to Aborigines

Canberra (Reuter) — Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister, acknowledging the grim realities of modern Australia's origins, yesterday promised a fairer deal for Aborigines, thousands of whose forebears were killed or died of new diseases as Europeans began settling Australia 200 years ago. He said that the bicentenary celebrations had to some extent provided a catalyst for reassessing the past.

Libyan arms trip

Rio de Janeiro — A Libyan delegation has arrived here to reportedly negotiate a huge $2 billion (£1.1 billion) purchase of armaments (Mac Margolis writes).

Reports of the potential armaments deal have been carried in the Brazilian press, although a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said only that a mission from Libya arrived this week for "normal diplomatic contacts".

Flicker of dissent

Prague — Czechs and Slovaks were invited yesterday by a dissident Romanian group to switch off their lights for three minutes at 10pm in an attempt to drum up some solidarity for the beleaguered Romanian population (Richard Bassett writes).

The call to repeat a gesture used in Hungary came from Romania Libera, which opposes the hardline regime of President Ceausescu.

Shock for art experts



Los Angeles — Mr Armand Hammer, right, the millionaire industrialist, announced yesterday that he will build his own £17 million museum here to house his £140 million art collection (Ivor Davis writes). Mr Hammer, aged 89, upset officials at the Los Angeles County museum, who had been negotiating for 17 years to house the Hammer collection, which includes about 60 old master and impressionist paintings.

Fresh Middle East peace efforts

Mubarak and Shamir to visit US

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The White House announced yesterday that Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, has accepted President Reagan's invitation to come here for talks on March 16. His visit will follow that of President Mubarak of Egypt, who arrives here next Thursday.

Shaken by the continuing violence on the West Bank and in Gaza, the United States is being strongly urged by both Arabs and Israelis to play a more active role in Middle East peace moves. But officials are pessimistic that any progress towards a settlement can be achieved during an election year.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday released a report, based on the one-week tour of the occupied territories by Mr Marrack Goulding, the UN Under-Secretary-General for special political affairs, which criticized Israel's crackdown on the demonstrators and the living conditions of the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The report called on Israel to "correct its practices", and apply as law the Geneva Convention covering the treatment of civilians in wartime. It said the unrest expressed the despair and hopelessness felt by the Arab population. "The result is a tragedy for both sides", Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said, adding that the underlying problem could be resolved only through a political settlement.

UN officials said the report would probably be followed by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar seeking a new Security Council initiative on the Middle East.

Washington yesterday flatly rejected a proposal just put to the UN by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who has called, in the light of the "popular uprising" in the occupied territories, for a Security Council meeting at foreign minister level to discuss an international conference on the Middle East.

The State Department said it saw little new in the long-standing Soviet proposal.

The Reagan Administration also supports some kind of international forum, called for by King Husain of Jordan, as a brief prelude to direct Arab-Israeli peace talks. But it is frustrated by the deep split within the Israeli coalition Government over this, and is anxious not to give the impression that the big powers are forcing a conference on Israel over its wishes.

Washington also does not want its recent abstentions on votes censuring Israel's deportation of Palestinians to be used to drive a wedge in the UN between Washington and Jerusalem.

However, Israel's methods of dealing with rioters has come under renewed criticism from the State Department. "We're disturbed by the adoption of a policy by the Government of Israel that calls for beatings as a means to restore or maintain order," the State Department spokesman said. Israel could keep order "through the use of humane measures which do not result in civilian casualties."

The spokesman added the intensity of the violence confirmed that the *status quo* was not sustainable. The White House yesterday emphasized that the violence had given "new urgency" to the peace process. But it denied that Washington was considering any "new or dramatic proposals" at the moment.

● Tel Aviv: Israel yesterday submitted a request for $3 billion (£1.6 billion) in foreign aid for 1989 to the US Ambassador, Mr Thomas Pickering (Reuter reports).



Arab worshippers waving an outlawed Palestinian flag outside the al-Aqsa mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday, as they shouted slogans in protest at the killing of Palestinians by Israeli security forces in the occupied territories.

Uneasy calm on 'day of martyrs'

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Yesterday proved the quietest day in the six and a half weeks since the disturbances began in the occupied territories, while two Katyusha rockets landed in northern Galilee to remind Israel's overstretched army that the threat from outside was still there.

It was the second such attack this week, fired from somewhere beyond the so-called "security zone" in South Lebanon, but neither caused any casualties.

The day had been declared "a day of martyrs", with Palestinians asked to remember during their Friday prayers the 40 and more who have died since the disturbances began.

But with a massive police and army presence on hand to batter any threatening demonstration apart, the day passed off relatively quietly.

At the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, scene of a running battle between police and demonstrators a week before, scarcely 2,000 turned up for the prayers.

In the Gaza Strip, the curfews on four of the eight camps were lifted.

As the protests began to subside, both Arabs and Israelis began to prepare for renewed troubles.

On the Palestinian side, militants say the present uneasy calm must be used to stock up supplies and money for "the second uprising".

On the Israeli side, the army is preparing to change its deployment to ensure that in future front-line troops will always be available to deal with any unrest in the territories promptly and very firmly.

Royal Navy wields Battleaxe with courtesy in Gulf

From Michael Evans, HMS Battleaxe, in the Gulf

Ernest Willie was on the way, steaming towards us in such grand style that you could feel the atmosphere change on the bridge. You could also not help but be impressed by the sheer swagger of the convoy up ahead. "They're going just where we want to go," said Commander Tim Norman-Walker.

Just as HMS Battleaxe was gathering speed to pick up a Shell tanker beyond Dubai, an American convoy had appeared. They call them Ernest Willies out here, after the name of an American warship. "Typical overkill," remarked one officer, as the convoy of three medium-sized tankers and four warships moved closer. Battleaxe can escort five tankers on its own.

Arrival of the convoy, including a destroyer, USS Chandler, which had been built for the Shah of Iran, was a timely reminder of the impact in the Gulf of the multinational navies which co-operate and communicate but do not co-ordinate with each other. "We knew Ernest Willie was on her way here but we didn't get that much notice," one officer said.

There were so many ships of different nationalities coming through the Strait of Hormuz at about the same time, that Channel 16 VHF, used by all seafarers, was abuzz with queries from a number of officers speaking in various shades and tones of English. There were Russians, Italians, Belgians, Dutch and British. Then an Iranian Navy ship entered the scene. "Who are you? Where are you going? What is your side number?"

Co-operation is the key issue in the Gulf. After the record 167 ships attacked last year, every navy captain is aware that courtesy, diplomacy, tact and commonsense are increasingly important in a part of the world where bitterness and hatred has raged for more than seven years.

Iranian gunboats yesterday shattered a six-day lull in their war against Gulf shipping by attacking a Singapore-flagged petroleum gas carrier, with mostly British officers on board, and a Panamanian-registered oil tanker (Michael Evans writes).

Both vessels were hit off the Omani port of Mina Saqr by volleys of rocket-propelled grenades fired from Swedish-supplied Boghammer Iranian fast patrol boats.

There were no casualties.

But the 11,470-tonne Singapore-flagged gas carrier, the Havpil, was listing to starboard quite badly and propane gas was leaking from her when the Royal Navy frigate, HMS Battleaxe, passed the area several hours after the attack.

The Panamanian tanker hit was the 157,849-tonne Topaz. It was attacked from the stern with 12 rocket-propelled grenades fired from a single Boghammer patrol boat.

On board the Royal Navy frigate HMS Battleaxe, bound for Dubai through the Strait of Hormuz, the first sign of trouble came at 3 am local time when the voice of a Dutch salvage man was heard on the radio asking the Havpil if she wanted help.

When we passed the tanker several hours later the gas carrier was listing and in obvious trouble.

A nearby tug warned the Battleaxe to move on quickly because of the potential danger of an explosion from the leaking propane gas.

On board the Type 22 frigate Battleaxe, the British officers have noticed that the Russians have become co-operative. It was only recently that they tipped-off the Americans about a sighted mine. They also wished the crew of HMS York "Happy New Year" over the radio. York, Battleaxe and Scylla, all frigates, are currently the three warships on the Armilla Patrol in the Gulf.

Commander Tim Norman-Walker, an ex-submariner with an iron-grey beard and forceful personality, said: "We're nice to everybody. If the Iranians call us and ask for our name, we do a swap. They know Battleaxe is here."

Captain Colin Cooke-Priest, recently arrived Senior Naval Officer, Middle East, the task force commander, is careful to emphasize the line adopted by everyone here, that different navies are all doing the same job, but operating independently.

But things are changing. The governments of Britain, Belgium and The Netherlands are considering a plan to halve their minesweeping force and integrate what's left, possibly under a single command. And the French have introduced a possible new element to the rules governing ships under attack.

A French captain said this week that he threatened to fire on Iranian gunboats that had attacked a Japanese-operated tanker, the Rainbow.

The British view is that while a Mayday call is always justification for trying to save lives, it would not include retaliatory action against the Iranians unless the ship was British flagged.

On this day, Battleaxe accompanied just one tanker through the Strait of Hormuz, the Shell company's 30,000-tonne Euplecta, which had loaded diesel at Jubail in Saudi Arabia and was on her way to Singapore.

The master, Captain Jack Brown from Castleford, West Yorkshire, was in no two minds about the presence of the Royal Navy to his stern. "We may all seem relaxed but that's because the Battleaxe is behind us."

Terror in the townships

Brutal black power struggle in Natal

From Michael Hornsby, Pietermaritzburg

Young militants in the seething black townships on the outskirts of this sleepy white-run Natal provincial capital and market town have lately discovered a new sport in their feuding with older Zulus associated with the conservative Inkatha organization.

It is known in township parlance as "modelling". The victim, usually an Inkatha worthy, or someone deemed by the "comrades", as the youths style themselves, to be guilty of a "crime" such as involvement in prostitution or drunkenesss, is paraded naked round the township and made to shout out his or her offence.

"It may be humiliating, but at least it is better than being killed," a black social worker who tries to keep her distance from both warring factions said. "These days you never know what is going to happen. The comrades may mistake you for a *theleweni* (jargon for an Inkatha member) or the other way round."

Miss Lakela Kaunda, a journalist who works for the *Natal Witness* in Pietermaritzburg, says township residents have to be careful how they dress and talk. "Khaki clothing is a no-no, it identifies you with Inkatha. Yellow t-shirts are associated with the UDF."

The UDF is the United Democratic Front, the amorphous coalition of hundreds of grassroots anti-apartheid organizations which shares the broad political aims of the outlawed African National Congress, and to which most of the "comrades" owe a loose allegiance.

At night armed thugs roam the townships ordering families to release children to take part in marches or attacks on rivals. If they refuse, their children may be hacked or burnt to death. "On both sides there is a strong desire for retaliation because of the hurt both have suffered," said the Rev Ben Nsimbi, a black Methodist minister in the Edendale township.

The ideological conflict between the UDF and Inkatha, which has claimed some 340 lives since the start of 1986, hardly seems adequate to explain the barbarism of some of the killings. The bodies of victims, which have included old men and women as well as a two-year-old baby, are often found mutilated and riddled with stab wounds.

Mrs Makhosazane Hadebe, a domestic servant from the Slangspruit township, said that sometimes the attackers cut off bits of the body which they take to a *sangoma* (witchdoctor) for making *muti* (African medicine). "They say it gives them strength to kill more people," she said.

Mrs Hadebe blames most of the violence on the Inkatha vigilantes.

Last year, she told me, Inkatha thugs broke down the door of her home and smashed her furniture, after she had refused to join, and pay the membership fee, equivalent to £1.50. She now lives with friends.

Mr Peter Kerchhoff, the director of an ecumenical church agency in Pietermaritzburg which tries to help victims of the violence, says there was a sudden upsurge in fighting last September, when the number of deaths monitored jumped to 44, almost as many as in the previous seven months.

According to records kept by Mr Kerchhoff and church field workers, the monthly death toll remained at about the same level in October and November, and then rose again sharply to 89 in December, a figure which could well be matched this month.

The most widely accepted explanation is that a forced recruitment drive by Inkatha in the local townships, in which people who showed reluctance to join the organization were threatened with violence, beaten up or worse, provoked violent retaliation from the "comrades". The conflict is a sprawl of black settlements, mainly to the south and south-west of Pietermaritzburg, a pleasant, town with a semi-tropical climate, a white population of about 65,000, and many attractive Victorian red-brick buildings with white wrought-iron balconies and verandahs.

Immediately outside town are fairly typical black urban areas, centred on the Edendale complex, which merge into rural settlements, with mealie (maize) plots and grazing cattle, scattered over miles of hilly terrain accessible only over rough tracks. At least 500,000 blacks are estimated to live in the whole area.

Part of the area falls under the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu tribal homeland, of which the Inkatha President, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, is also the Chief Minister, and which has its own black police force. But the main urban settlements are located outside KwaZulu's borders.

One view is that the Government and the South African Police are not averse to allowing the violence to continue because it discredits black politics in the eyes of whites both at home and abroad, and reinforces Pretoria's argument that a hand-over of political power to blacks would lead to chaos and anarchy.

Collusion between the police and Inkatha is widely alleged. The courts were sufficiently impressed by evidence of the involvement in violence, and even murder, of several local Inkatha chieftains to issue injunctions restraining them from assaulting UDF supporters. But all these figures are still at large in the townships.

Strauss misses homeland welcome

Johannesburg — A scheduled visit by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the conservative West German politician, to the South African tribal homeland of Bophuthatswana was postponed yesterday as controversy mounted over the purpose of his southern African safari (Our Own Correspondent writes).

A red carpet had been rolled out at Bophuthatswana's Mmabatho airport when Mr Solomon Rathebe, the Bophuthatswana Foreign Minister, announced that Herr Strauss had been delayed in returning to South Africa from Mozambique, where he flew on Thursday for talks.

Mr Rathebe said that Herr Strauss and his party had been invited to visit Bophuthatswana tomorrow instead, but it was not clear that the offer would be taken up.

Bophuthatswana, one of four tribal homelands, is not recognized as independent by West Germany or any other foreign government.

Herr Strauss, who has already had talks with President Botha, is reported to have come as the personal emissary of Chancellor Kohl. Part of the purpose of the visit is said to be to promote a rapprochement between Pretoria and the Marxist Government in Maputo.

But newspapers here said the visit had caused a rift between Herr Kohl and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister.

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Northern incursions of Sudanese rebels rattle Muslim security

From Andrew Buckoke
Khartoum

Every night on Sudanese television, viewers can see people handing over cheques for the Army, and hear references to the victories at Kurmuk and Gissan.

Although the latest round of the civil war has been going on for four years in the south, its sudden arrival in Blue Nile Province has shaken the northern Muslim majority to the core.

Kurmuk and Gissan, two villages on the border with Ethiopia, were taken in November by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and were recaptured by the Army only in late December after more than 600 people had been killed.

Blue Nile Province has always been considered part of the north. The rebels from the African, animist or Christian south had until recently restricted the vicious war against northern domination — especially the Sharia law imposed by former President Nimeiry in 1983 — to their provinces of Bahr al Ghazal, Upper Nile and Equatoria.

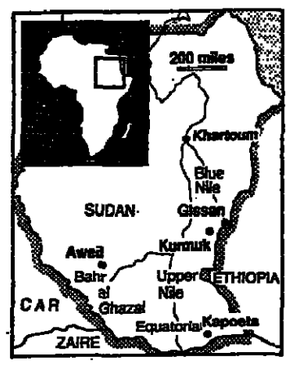
The northern attitude that this was little more than a policing problem still survives. When asked by *The Times* whether there had been any war developments in the past few days, a military spokesman at first said no. But on second thoughts, he remembered an engagement near Aweil, in Bahr al Ghazal, in which 250 rebels were allegedly killed and 600 cattle "stolen from the people of the area" had been recovered. Three men from the "friendly forces" of "Anyanya 2" involved in the fighting died.

"Anyanya 2" used to be an anti-government guerrilla movement, but it is now one of several tribal militias fighting as proxies for the Khartoum regime. These militias are not above using the modern weaponry at their disposal to settle old tribal scores.

The original Anyanya was the umbrella organization for guerrillas who fought for 17 years until President Nimeiry granted the south a semi-autonomous government in 1972. His later re-division of the south contributed to the resurgence of the war.

The SPLA is drawn mainly from the Dinka, the largest tribe in the south, and other tribes, such as the Shilluk and Nuer, are easily encouraged to take up arms against the threat of Dinka domination. There are increasing signs, however, that more of them are prepared to join the SPLA as Khartoum remains unable to end the anarchy of the region.

The Government presence in the south has been limited to holding the key garrison towns of Juba, Malakal and Wau — and a few other outposts — almost since the conflict began. Elsewhere the tribal militias and warlords run free, committing atrocities which are hard to verify, let alone report, given the extreme remoteness of the country.



This correspondent's application to vist the southern capital of Juba was refused. But reports from recent visitors to the town paint a grim picture of life for the 250,000 inhabitants effectively blockaded there. Prices for basic food are outrageously high, and there are almost certainly pockets of famine in the hinterland. But nobody really knows, since relief agencies are banned by the Government from dealing with the SPLA.

Colonel John Garang, the American-educated SPLA leader, says his conditions for a ceasefire are the complete repeal of Sharia law, the lifting of the state of emergency imposed in 1985 and a commitment to greater autonomy for the south.

The Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, talks only of modifying the Sharia.

There appears to be little urgency to modify the Sharia in the north, however, as all the politicians are scared of being labelled anti-Muslim. Even the trauma of Kurmuk and Gissan has not provoked any debate on the subject. Instead there has been much talk of the "external threat" to Sudan. That may be a reflection of the fact that most northerners do not see southerners as real Sudanese.

The external threat is mostly directed at Ethiopia. Addis Ababa supported the SPLA at Kurmuk and Gissan, if only by allowing it to use Ethiopian territory. But Sudan is the supply route for Eritrean and Tigrean secessionist movements in Ethiopia, and the Ethiopians expect some sort of reciprocity before they will accept Sudanese demands to withdraw all facilities from the SPLA.

At the moment, the two sides are not even talking as they cannot agree on where to meet.

There is concern among Western and conservative Arab aid donors to Sudan about its apparently indiscriminate demand for arms after the Kurmuk and Gissan incidents. Libya has been quick to offer supplies, and is reported to have provided nearly half the equipment used to recapture the two vilages. The donor countries had hoped that their assistance — albeit barely sufficient to keep afloat the economy burdened by huge foreign debts — would keep Sudan from establishing any further close ties with the more radical states in the region.

Although Mr al-Mahdi recently suggested, at a meeting in London, that the SPLA had moderated its demands for a ceasefire, the first since the rebels shot down a Sudan Airways aircraft in August, 1986, the SPLA response was to announce the capture of the small southern town of Kapoeta. This is disputed by the Army and as usual difficult to verify, but clearly illustrates no early end to the war can be expected.

For many in the north, who see the south as a wayward and uncivilized colony, this matters little as long as the Army is strong enough to prevent further incursions into the north. But little development or stability can be expected in Sudan as long as the Treasury is expected to find about $1 million (£600,000)a day for the war and the southern oilfields remain undeveloped.

Bomb blasts kill six at Pathan leader's Afghanistan burial

Jalalabad (Reuter) — Six people were killed when two powerful car bombs exploded during the funeral in Afghanistan yesterday of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the anti-colonialist campaigner known as the "Frontier Gandhi", witnesses said.

As President Najibullah and the entire senior leadership of the Soviet-backed Afghan Government stood by the grave, the bombs exploded just over a mile away. Dozens of people were hurt.

The bombs went off in a car park for about 2,000 coaches, buses, cars and vans which had brought thousands of Pakistani mourners across the tense frontier to Jalalabad.

The first, which came in the middle of a 21-gun salute, caused the casualties, according to witnesses. It apparently exploded in one of six buses from Peshawar University, destroying the others.

Scores of vehicles were damaged and some parked as much as 100 yards away had their windscreens smashed by the force of the blast. The second blast was in a car and destroyed at least 16 other vehicles.

Four bodies, including those of two Afghan children, were still lying at the scene some two hours later. A distraught mother knelt by one body beating her breast and wailing. A witness reported seeing four adult bodies laid out on the grass.

No immediate claims of responsibility were made public, but the Afghan Tribal Affairs Minister, Mr Sulaiman Laeq, blamed Western-backed rebels, accusing them of breaking a promise to let the unprecedented cortège pass from Peshawar to Jalalabad.

In a at the graveside, he named Mr Muhammad Younis Khalis, chairman of the seven-party rebel alliance based in Peshawar, who had announced that he had called on all Mujahidin rebels in the region to leave the convoy alone. Younis Khalis later denied the rebels were responsible.

Khan Ghaffar Khan was revered among the Pathan people living on either side of the border. An associate of Mahatma Gandhi and an advocate of non-violence, he chose to live in Pakistan after the partition of India in 1947.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, paid a flying visit to Peshawar to pay his respects and Vice-President Shankar Dayal Sharma of India travelled to Jalalabad to stand at President Najibullah's side.

The 115,000 Soviet troops the West says are in Afghanistan were not in evidence before the explosions. But afterwards a column of eight armoured personnel carriers with Russian soldiers lounging on top appeared on the main road by the car park.

Returning Pakistanis, and about 20 Western journalists, passed another Soviet convoy of a tank, 21 trucks, four armoured personnel carriers and three field guns on the way back to the border. Soviet-built MI24 helicopter gunships operating in pairs made repeated low passes above.

Chandigarh (Reuter) — Four Sikh separatists fired submachine-guns into a public park at Barnala in the north Indian state of Punjab yesterday, killing 10 people, police said. The Press Trust of India said the Khalistan Liberation Force, a Sikh separatist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Spanish Socialists' conference

González rounds on unions

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister of Spain, yesterday defended his Socialist Government's economic record and attacked trade union and other "utopian" criticisms of his pragmatic stance.

In an hour-long speech opening the party's 31st conference, he made frequent appeals for realism. "Without economic growth, the possibility of defining socialist policies simply cannot exist," he said.

His administration last year had achieved a 5 per cent growth in Spain's domestic product, double the EEC average, and over the past three years "the immense majority" of Spaniards had seen their living standards raised.

The Prime Minister also said it was "elementary" to keep up a solid investment flow for job creation.

All this was in answer to recent criticism from Señor Nicolás Redondo, the leader of the socialist General Workers' Union, who pointed to the unemployment figure of more than three million, passed last month, as evidence of the Government's failures.

Señor González attacked such criticism as due to blindness, inability to analyse economic trends correctly, or demagoguery.

Official figures released yesterday, and well-timed for the conference, showed the Government had won its fight for an inflation rate below 5 per cent last year. It was put at 4.6 per cent.

Señor González appealed again to Spanish employers and workers to agree on a social pact, and in a key passage, aimed at setting the Socialist Party's strategy for the next general election, he warned delegates that they must adopt a programme which would be backed by the majority of citizens.

Señor González tackled the two main issues of the conference: the serious dispute with the party's trade union wing over economic policy and how to reverse, if possible, the party's loss of popularity. Socialist leaders fear the row could lose the party more votes.

The Prime Minister urged delegates to understand how socialism must mean solving tough economic problems if the Spanish right was not to win power again.

Señor González won his expected applause from the conference on achieving the withdrawal from Spain of the American F16s stationed at the Torrejón base.But he pledged that his Government would reject any "more radical" demands.

High stakes in battle for Khost

From Christopher Walker
Kabul

One of the bloodiest battles of the Afghan war has been fought for control of a remote, inhospitable garrison town whose location on a south-easterly finger of Afghan territory jutting into Pakistan ensures that it will remain difficult to secure against a renewal of the rebel siege.

At first sight, the largely deserted, pot-holed dirt roads of Khost and its shell-scarred buildings make it hard to comprehend why so much military effort was put into breaking the rebel blockade of the town on December 30, and also why so much Mujahidin prestige was invested in trying to maintain it.

Although the population is claimed to be 45,000, it was obvious when the first reporters were flown in this week that it is now greatly depleted, many members of local families having fled across the border to Pakistan in an effort to avoid the fighting which continues to rage.

A rally, organized by the Moscow-backed People's Democratic Party on the steps of the wrecked Khost House of Culture, attracted a crowd of fewer than 500, many of them bewildered school children who had been given red flags to wave at the Soviet and American television cameras.

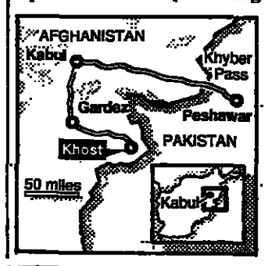
A Kabul-based military expert explained: "Because of the surrounding mountains and the proximity of fresh weaponry in Pakistan, it will always be a hellish spot to hold. It seems that the battle was launched because the closure of the airport by rebel Stinger missiles meant the road had to be re-opened or Khost abandoned."

The expert added that the Kremlin could not have permitted such a morale-boosting guerrilla victory at a time when it is contemplating a pull-out (against the advice of some of its senior military commanders now based in Afghanistan) in order to secure political capital abroad, and stem domestic discontent about the war.

This view was confirmed by Mr Saadat Ahangar, the local party chief charged with the uphill task of implementing the Kabul regime's national reconciliation policy.



Major Yuri Provorov, a Soviet commander in Afghanistan, pointing to a pile of landmines that the soldiers of his explosives unit unearthed around the town of Khost.



Mr Ahangar — whose sharply-cut suit and use of socialist catch-phrases distinguished him from the turbaned tribesmen flanking him at a press conference constantly interrupted by the sound of shell and rocket fire, and whose loyalty remains seriously in doubt — admitted that part of the district was still not under his control.

Later, as we walked through the main street, it was peopled only by a few fierce-looking tribesmen, and an Afghan armoured personnel carrier with a heavy mounted machine-gun was always on hand to provide security. There was considerably less gratitude from residents than Soviet propaganda would have people believe, but there is no denying their enthusiasm for fresh vegetables and other essentials driven down the road from Kabul.

That the battle for Khost was as much political as military was echoed by a uniformed correspondent from the Soviet armed forces paper, *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), who claimed: "Lifting the siege of Khost was not merely a military feat, it was actually a political disaster for the counter-revolutionaries who rejected the national reconciliation drive."

But a subsequent propaganda blitz by the Afghan authorities and their Soviet masters has been designed to play down the crucial role performed by the estimated 15,000 Soviet troops who took part in the battle, to the extent that rumours of discontent among some of the Soviet units fighting at Khost (and suffering high casualties) have begun circulating.

On both sides of the reopened, 80-mile highway that runs north to Gardez, the countryside has been devastated by the intensive shelling, hundreds of buildings have been destroyed and the land is now devoid of any visible human or animal life.

As well as closing Khost airport to all but the occasional dare-devil night flight, the rebels' arsenal of American-made Stinger and British-built Blowpipe heat-seeking missiles has sabotaged the Afghan and Soviet air forces' chances of using helicopters for vital surveillance work.

One Afghan official admitted that Afghan artillery and rocket launchers were often "firing blind" towards suspected guerrilla positions.

The only four helicopters we saw during 17 hours in the battle zone were flying at no higher than 30ft from the ground, greatly reducing their effectiveness and demonstrating the continuing military capability of the Muslim rebels being kept at bay.

● ISLAMABAD: Señor Diego Cordóvez, the UN Under Secretary-General, appealed yesterday during a television interview in Pakistan for the Afghan resistance to play their "important role" and shoulder "their historic responsibility" in the establishment of a broadly-based coalition government in Kabul.

Yugoslav nuclear plant hit by quake

Belgrade (Reuter) — An earthquake shook an area around Yugoslavia's only nuclear power plant yesterday but no damage has been reported so far, according to the official news agency, Tanjug.

The agency said "medium-strength" tremors, measuring 3.4 on the Richter scale, caused panic when they struck before dawn in and around the town of Krsko, 40 miles west of Zagreb. The 664-megawatt nuclear power plant in Krsko was built by the American Westinghouse Corporation in 1981. There have been dozens of emergency shutdowns since it was built.

Bankers jump bail of £1.5m

Hong Kong (AP) — The High Court ordered two missing Singapore-born bankers accused of fraud, Mr Low Chung-song and Mr Low Chang-hian, to forfeit bail of some £1.5 million.

Gorilla return

Kanyang Mountains, Nigeria (Reuter) — Scores of gorillas have been found in the south-east rain forests decades after they were thought to have been wiped out, British expert, Mr Sandy Harcourt said.

Drug test rule

Washington (AP) — The US Defence Secretary, Mr Frank Carlucci, has ordered that all military recruits be tested for drug and alcohol use, beginning on June 1.

Ships held

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Dutch police in the city of Maastricht, acting on a tip-off, impounded three ships suspected of illegally carrying chemical waste for dumping.

Mafia swoop

Reggio Calabria, (Reuter) — Police say they have arrested 12 people in an anti-Mafia operation linked to extortion in southern Italy.

Northern light

Oslo (AP) — As of April 1 the use of headlights will be mandatory around the clock on Norwegian roads.

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Mexico's crown prince offers openness

From Charles Bremner, Mexico City

Across Mexico, from the big cities to the villages of the Sierra Madre, billboards and posters are already hailing the country's unlikely looking ruler-to-be, Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

This bald technocrat, aged 39, lacks the macho looks of the traditional crown prince, the man chosen by the outgoing president and presented to the people for endorsement by election.

Until two months ago, the economic future looked good for the Harvard-educated Señor Salinas, who stands for virtually certain election next July as candidate for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). The organization has held the monopoly of power for the past six decades.

After years of financial gloom following the debt crisis of 1982, the bold reform strategy of President de la Madrid appeared to be at last paying off. Señor Salinas, as the former Budget Minister who opened Mexico's protected economy to the outside world, was preparing a campaign on the theme that "the worst is over".

Oil and manufactured exports were soaring, the stock market was booming. Inflation was still high and the huge $105 billion (£59 billion) foreign debt cast a pall, but after five years of constantly falling living standards it looked as though Mexico was turning the corner in time for Señor de la Madrid to end his six-year term gracefully.

Then in October the sky fell in. The stock market began a free fall two weeks ahead of Wall Street. In November, inflation soared to an annual 145 per cent while the Government allowed the peso to tumble more than 20 per cent. People started hoarding food and, for the first time in memory, the powerful unions, though traditionally a bastion of PRI support, threatened a general strike.

With the dreaded spectre of hyper-inflation, President de la Madrid launched an austerity programme in December, calling for "painful, bitter measures". These raised prices by up to 80 per cent, but also guaranteed heavy rises in minimum wages. The threat of the strike was lifted.



Señor Salinas: Reformist theme to his campaign.

The Government says that its shock package will break inflation by March, after which wages will be indexed to inflation.

Few economists believe this is anything more than wishful thinking by a President who sees his legacy unravelling. Business leaders say that they expect a new round of austerity measures when this one fails, and it seems possible that the de la Madrid era will end, like those of his two predecessors, in upheaval and economic turmoil.

President Echeverría jolted the country at the end of his term by nationalizing rich farmland. Señor López Portillo nationalized the banks and, like his predecessor, left office in virtual disgrace, tainted by the tide of high-level corruption.

Mocking jokes are again circulating about Señor de la Madrid, who was not helped by news in December that the presidency had bought a new Boeing 757 airliner for a "low price" of $43 million.

He is now being dubbed "Miguel the Lukewarm" and depicted by cartoonists as a Hamlet stalking the corridors of Los Pinos, the presidential palace, while MDLM, the presidential initials, are said to stand for *mas de lo mismo* (more of the same).

The prospect of a third failed presidency has probably hastened the eventual demise of an archaic system, dominated by the image of the strongman president and his secret choice of successor.

Señor Jorge Costanedo, a leading political scientist, said: "There comes a point when you have so many unsuccessful presidencies that you have to look at the system. It isn't just a question of personality, but something built in."

The small opposition parties, dominated by the right-wing PAN and the socialist party, have seized on the chaos to proclaim "we told you so". Dissidents within the PRI are calling for a Mexican *glasnost*.

Openness and reform are themes of the Salinas campaign. He has eschewed the traditional royal progress of the ruling party's crown prince, and has been touring the country with a relatively modest entourage.

The big question now is whether Señor Salinas will follow the custom of repudiating the man who chose him.

Watching nervously on the sidelines are the United States and international bankers, as a fresh upheaval could precipitate another Third World debt crisis.

As second debtor after Brazil, Mexico has a good record of repayment, but it is growing increasingly restive about stumping up $10 billion a year to service its borrowing.

The US Government joined Mexico and a big American bank last month in taking an unprecedented step that could help it out of its hole. In a compromise that could also help other debtor nations, the American Treasury and Morgan Guaranty Trust agreed to exchange loans for 20-year bonds indemnified by the United States.

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Argentina braced for more agony of 'dirty war' trials

From Christopher Thomas, Buenos Aires

Argentina is braced for the second, wrenching phase of its public vengeance and catharsis for crimes of mass torture and murder by the military.

The armed services are demanding an across-the-board amnesty. The Government of President Alfonsin, for all its desire to end the agonizing memory and stop the trials, has decided to go ahead.

Probably by March, the first of a new batch of top officers — some now retired — will appear in the dock, awaiting with virtual certainty the same long-term imprisonment imposed on 10 men, including two former presidents, in the first round of "dirty war" trials.

After a fiercely controversial debate, the Government pushed legislation through Congress which effectively grants amnesty to any soldier holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel or lower. The theory is that they were captains or lieutenants when the atrocities were committed around a decade ago, and were following orders, not giving them.

More than 400 men consequently have been let off the hook, leaving perhaps 30 to 40 men from the higher ranks to face trial.

The army, particularly among middle-ranking officers, is restive and angry at the prospect of another long outpouring of public scorn and disgust. Last weekend's army rebellions, although quickly put down by loyal troops, were but an early warning of mounting tension.

The amnesty law, which was passed by Congress last May, established the concept of "due obedience", or following orders. It means that anybody who murdered, raped and tortured under orders is exempt from blame.

In the name of national reconciliation some sectors, including members of the Roman Catholic church hierarchy, support a complete amnesty. They say the country will tear itself apart if it continues to relive the "dirty war", in which an estimated 9,000 people died.

The first set of trials had a traumatic impact on a society suffering deep psychological wounds from the atrocities.

There was a ghoulish interest in the precise details of what went on.

The military defends the actions as necessary for the national good, a position that appalls most sections of Argentine society. Senior officers recall with some justification that the population almost welcomed the return to military power in 1976 and the onslaught against left-wing guerrillas who were bringing the country to its knees. The insurgents were quickly crushed but the military continued the rampage, eliminating dissidence with ruthless abandon.

The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo — relatives of the "disappeared ones" — have been protesting in force this week about the Government's handling of the latest army crisis. They are also angered by the amnesty for middle-ranking officers.

But the concessions clearly have not been enough to quell restless elements in the Army.

● **Rebels surrender:** Two lieutenant-colonels who helped mastermind a rash of military uprisings a week ago have surrendered to military authorities. Several lower-ranking officers also gave themselves up, taking the number of detained officers and NCOs to 319.

Haiti politician on disorder charges



M Louis Dejoie, a leading Haitian opposition politician, waving to supporters in Port-au-Prince yesterday as he was escorted by armed guards to face charges of inciting public disorder.

A presidential contender in last November's cancelled elections, he was returned to jail after a hearing at the Palace of Justice.

M Georges Léger, M Dejoi's lawyer, said that his client was being held "on charges of disturbing the peace, inciting disorder and violence."

About 150 people who waited outside during the hour-long court proceedings shouted "Free Dejoie! Free Dejoie!" as the portly businessman was led out by soldiers wearing camouflage jackets and carrying automatic rifles. M Dejoie wore the same black trousers and white shirt he was wearing on Wednesday afternoon when he was arrested after arriving at Port-au-Prince airport from Puerto Rico.

Other opposition leaders denounced the arrest and threatened that a general strike would be called if he was not brought to trial within 48 hours.

Contras set for direct talks

From Martha Honey
San José

After a week of fast-paced negotiations, the Sandinistas have set the stage for direct peace talks with Nicaragua's two main armed opposition organizations aimed at ending the six-year-old war.

The direct talks, along with the Nicaraguan Government's decision this week to free several thousand political prisoners, lift the state of emergency and restore press and political freedoms are intended, in part, to block the passage of President Reagan's new Contra aid package.

Those involved in the negotiation moves and Central American government officials describe US pressure to obstruct the dialogue and end the Central American peace effort as heavy.

Mr Brooklyn Rivera, the Miskito Indian rebel leader from Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, and nine other officials from the indigenous peoples' umbrella group, Yatama, are flying from here to Managua today to open talks with the Interior Minister, Señor Tomás Borge, and other Sandinista officials.

The talks, at which representatives of the Moravian Church, the main Protestant ecclesiastical body on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, will mediate, will centre on a ceasefire, a regional autonomy plan and protection of indigenous peoples' rights.

In a parallel development, officials of the Nicaraguan Government and the US-backed Contra coalition announced at separate press conferences here late on Thursday that they will open direct talks in San José next week. The six-member Contra directorate met earlier in the day Mgr Miguel Obando y Bravo, Managua's Roman Catholic Archbishop, who is acting as mediator in these talks. The Contras rejected a Nicaraguan Government proposal to begin the ceasefire talks a week early.

The return to Managua of the Yatama delegation comes after five months of delicate negotiations. The delegation is being accompanied by a member of Senator Edward Kennedy's staff and a Costa Rican official.

Sandinista 'freedom or death' slogan echoes dark past

From David Gollob
Managua

Ever since the 1979 revolution that deposed the dictator Anastasio Somoza, bringing the guerrillas of the Sandinista Front to power, the party has issued an annual slogan. It appears on Government letterheads, is spray-painted by youthful militants on the walls of public buildings and the houses of some opponents, and is ritually chanted at meetings and rallies.

A review of slogans past and present offers an intriguing perspective on the fate of a Third World revolution in a tiny and otherwise insignificant Central American country, which over the past seven years has been one of the dominant foreign policy obsessions of the United States.

The 1980 slogan championed the new Government's ambitious literacy campaign. But after the Reagan Administration launched a covert war to overthrow the Sandinistas the annual slogan began to take on an ever darker hue. In 1981, the slogan was: "Year of defence and production". By 1987 it was: "Here nobody surrenders".

Members of the Sandinista Front have pointed out, in off-the-record conversations, that this year's slogan has come full circle. It includes the words: "*Patria Libre o Morir*" (A free homeland or death), the original battlecry of the Sandinistas when they were still a guerrilla force fighting to overthrow Somoza. The slogan suggests the Sandinistas may soon find themselves in a similar position once again.

It is also the first time that the word "death" has appeared as part of the national motto. Sandinistas explain this as meaning that 1988 is the "do or die" year of the revolution, the last chance to avert a holocaust.

Tension is building here in the run-up to a definitive vote in the US Congress in the first week of next month on the future of the Contra war. In an effort to sway the vote and keep the Central American peace accord alive, President Ortega announced several important concessions at a summit of Central American presidents in Costa Rica last weekend, including the immediate and unconditional lifting of the state of emergency and an offer to hold face-to-face ceasefire talks with the Contras.

As these concessions were being announced, back in Managua electricity rationing had gone into effect, due to stepped-up attacks by the Contras on the country's vulnerable and antiquated electricity grid. Petrol too had run out, due to the late arrival of Soviet supplies, bringing transport to a halt.

"We have reached a point of desperation," said one Sandinista. "But the *gringos* (Americans) will not be allowed to win. We will not sit by and let the revolution die in a war of attrition. If it goes down, it will go down in flames, and the Americans will pay a heavy price."

This is best interpreted as an expression of sentiment, rather than policy. However, President Ortega has said that if a single dollar of Contra aid is approved, this will kill the peace process and oblige him to take "measures to protect the national interest", possibly including the reimposition of the state of emergency.

The chief party ideologue, Señor Bayardo Arce, has said in more explicit terms that if the peace effort fails the new slogan will be: "All-out war".

Sandinista officials are unashamed to admit that their strategy is determined by the crucial vote in Congress.

"Is that bad?" Father Miguel d'Escoto, the Foreign Minister, asked a journalist earlier this week. "We want to stop the war. And the continuation of funding for the Contras means more war, more death and more destruction. Yes, we want to stop the war. Reagan wants to continue it."

Yet even if Contra aid is frozen indefinitely, the Government faces a period of turbulence and social agitation as anti-Sandinista trade unions, taking advantage of the lifting of the state of emergency and the restoration of the right to strike, prepare to launch a series of strikes and protest marches to press for the abolition of Government-imposed salary scales.

"Without the state of emergency, the picture is radically different," said Señor Antonio Jarquin, Secretary-General of the Autonomous National Workers' Union, which will join three other unions representing the transport, metal and textile industries in an indefinite national strike on March 21.

"If the Sandinistas don't change their attitude, it won't be a question of who is going to overthrow them, because they will collapse on their own," he said.

"The Sandinistas can no longer act with the same arrogance as in 1985 or 1986. They have to make coacessions they never imagined they would have to make. And their rank and file support has been weakened by these repeated reversals in policy. At the same time, support for the Contras is growing, because of the economic crisis."

Privately, many Sandinistas will admit that their support has fallen dramatically since elections in 1984 in which they won more than 60 per cent of the vote. Yet they insist they will not accept a "humiliating" peace with the United States and bow to military pressure.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes in Atlantic City

The thigh's the limit

American sport is, most unusually, thrashing about with a crisis of conscience. It started with ill-advised remarks by the celebrated poseur and odds-man, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder. Snyder, is, or was, employed by CBS Television as a kind of betting pundit. Asked to comment on the general excellence of black athletes, he attributed this to the selective breeding of slaves before the American civil war and, warming to his theme, spoke in detail about the qualities of the thigh muscles of black men.

CBS sacked him. But meanwhile his remarks are giving some edge to a race that Snyder never dreamt about: who will be the first black coach in America's National Football League? For this is the year of the smart black sportsmen: next weekend Doug Williams will become the first black quarterback to play in the Super Bowl. And with the resignation of the coaches of both Los Angeles Raiders and the Green Bay Packers, the way is open for the NFL's first black coach. The top black contenders are Willie Brown, LA Raiders' defensive backfield coach, Art Shell, LA Raiders' assistant line coach, Tony Dungy, Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive co-ordinator, and Dennis Green, San Francisco 49ers' receivers coach.

Extra time

In Britain, football management is a job only marginally more secure than snow shovelling. In America, by contrast, the longest-serving NFL coaches are Tom Landry (Dallas), 28 years, Chuck Noll (Pittsburgh), 19 years, and Don Shula (Miami) 18 years.

● Quote of the week: from Lester Hayes of the LA Raiders, now sharing a club record of 39 interceptions with Willie Brown, the Raiders' defensive backfield coach: "There are some individuals (here) who would rather run a gauntlet of pit bulls while wearing pork chop underwear than see me break the record."

Double trouble

What was I thinking of? In my lament last week on the end of the era of the double international, I did not mention Janette Brittin. She opens the batting for England, and won her first England hockey cap in November. And the many splendoured Rachael Heyhoe Flint would stop speaking to me if I neglected to mention that she is another double international. The age of the Rennaissance Woman is dawning.

Million man

Not every bookmaker in Britain likes the big bet. Eugene Mayday, who operates a sports book in Las Vegas, has just set his betting limit on the Super Bowl: $1 million, a step up from last year's maximum $500,000. It is believed to be the biggest offered by a Nevada sports book. If you happen to have a million bucks *burning a hole in your pocket*, I recommend a punt on Denver.

Top hole

A small golf company over here has created a new golf ball which is *guaranteed* to take between five and 10 strokes off your handicap, or your money back. One pro drove it 400 yards. A new dimple design keeps the ball in the air for longer, and a change in the core makes it rise much more sharply. On the ground, the miracle ball rolls as straight as a snooker ball. With this ball, the club hacker will, apparently, instantly start eagling par-fours. This is the column that gives you the facts: inquiries about Code Name S to National Golf Centre (Department H648), 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06880. USA. And don't blame me if you are disappointed!

Bed and board

If anyone has a sudden urge to go to San Diego next weekend for the Super Bowl, here is what to do. A chap called John FitzRandolph is renting his place for just $5,500 a day. With seven bedrooms and a basketball court, who could ask for more? "It's very quiet, very private, and the lawn is so massive you could entertain 250 people," FitzRandolph said.

BARRY FANTONI



'Apparently Neville was going to join us but he hasn't paid his Equity subs'

Journeying still in the land of gold

by Philip Howard

That scourge of the English vice, hypocrisy, is no doubt saying something wounding somewhere about the pomp with which we are celebrating his 200th birthday, especially the *Christian Unity* service in Westminster Abbey, which refused to accept his bones for 140 years. But Byron, who knew that ready money is Aladdin's lamp, would have enjoyed his continued commercial success. In a letter to Douglas Kinnaird on February 6, 1822, he wrote:

> *They say that knowledge is power. I used to think so, but I now know that they meant money. Every guinea is a philosopher's stone. Cash is virtue.*

With the help of his friend and publisher, John Murray II, he became the first Briton to make a living from poetry (there haven't been many since). You cannot measure poetry with cash. But as a birthday exercise let us attempt a monetarist, cost-effective analysis of Byron.

Murray paid Byron 800 guineas (a vast sum) for the first two Cantos of *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* (the fictionalized account of his jaunt in the Mediterranean and the Near East) in March 1812, and printed 500 copies. Byron woke up the next morning and found himself famous; which shows what a tiny, gossipy magic circle London then was. These days you would have to sell half a million to get on *Wogan* and be forgotten a week later. Byron was lionized by literary and aristocratic London, survived a tempestuous love affair with Lady Caroline Lamb, and became the constant companion of Augusta.

Murray paid 1,500 guineas for the third Canto, and 2,500 for the fourth. You can do the sums to take account of inflation for yourselves; but it was a fortune. Murray published the first two Cantos of *Don Juan* reluctantly and anonymously in 1819, but he still paid Byron 1,500 guineas. *Blackwood's* ensured its immediate successs by denouncing it as "a filthy and impious poem". But Goethe admired it, which Byron found greatly encouraging.

Murray paid 1,000 guineas for *The Corsair* (that Byronic pirate chief of many vices, but with the virtue of chivalry): Byron wrote to him that the offer was rather too generous since the poem had taken only ten days to write. On publication day it sold out its first edition of 10,000, an enormous impression for a book in 1813.

Commercially Byron was a prodigy; but it was easy come, easy go, almost as if he felt it was hackish and *infra dig.* for a gentleman to spend on himself the money he earned by writing. There are touching letters from publisher to author complaining that Murray sweats his guts out to pay Byron huge advances, and Byron promptly goes and gives it all away. But behind the aristocratic pose Byron was quite sharp. In 1813 he wrote to John Hobhouse, his man of business: "Every day land rises and money falls." And here he is from Venice to Hobhouse on January 19, 1819, (with characteristic dashing punctuation):

> *Whatever Brain-*money *— you get on my account from Murray — pray remit me — I will never consent to pay away what I earn — that is mine — & what I get by my brains — I will spend on my b—ks — as long as I have a tester or a testicle remaining. — I shall not live long — & for that Reason — I must live while I can — so — let him disburse — & me receive — "for the Night cometh."*

When Byron left England for ever, in financial difficulties, ostracized and embittered, Murray wrote telling him not to let the bailiffs have his library, and generously offering to buy it for 1,000 guineas.

Byron made Murray, and Murray helped to make Byron. But the demands the author made on his publisher were extraordinary. There is a note from Byron demanding a revised proof by *tomorrow night*. So the printers worked all through the night. For *The Corsair* Byron demanded and got 10 successive sets of proofs: these days you are lucky to get a single set of page proofs, and if you want to change anything other than typos, you will pay for it yourself.

Murray bought Byron's memoirs of 1818-21 from Thomas Moore, and reluctantly consented to having them burned in his grate at Albemarle Street, where the independent old publishing house still thrives under John Murray VI (Jock), the great-great-great-grandson of Byron's friend. It was a slim volume: the cover survives and one, rather boring word of text. Byron is still a nice little earner, though not yet the ten-volume edition of his letters and journals, the most amusing and indiscreet window into a poet's life and times imaginable.

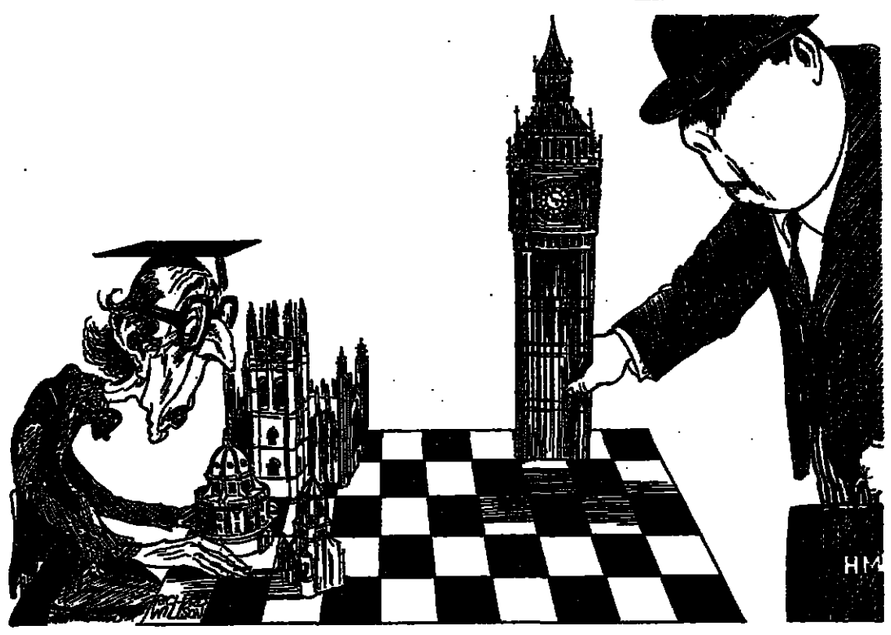
Pace the conventional wisdom of our time, money is not the measure to rate poetry. Best-sellers are not necessarily literature (can you name 10 since Byron?). Byron has always been admired more abroad than in England. Foreigners did not care a sausage about his mistresses and whispers of buggery and incest, stirred up by Harridan Beecher Stowe, the Mrs Whitehouse of her time. They were not offended by his attacks on English bulldog self-esteem —*au contraire*. Rebellious spirits yearning to be free, from Italy and Greece to Pushkin and his young intellectuals, saw him as the fugelman of liberty. His inspiration on the Romantic movement in European literature, poetry, painting, music, and the opera has been immense. The myth of Byron still casts a long shadow.

He did the other unforgivable thing to prigs and thickoes: he made jokes. Some of the poetry has dated; and some was rubbish even when he wrote it. But he has left some of the most haunting lyrics in literature: the Isles of Greece; She walks in beauty, like the night; We'll go no more a-roving. He was a breath of fresh air in foggy Regency and Victorian England:

> *The great object of life is sensation — to feel that we exist — even though in pain. It is this "craving void" which drives us to gaming — to battle — to travel — to intemperate but keenly felt pursuits whose principle attraction is the agitation inseperable from their accomplishment.*

Oh yes — and he was that once-in-a-purple-moon Phoenix, a poet who is still a best-seller.

Academic freedom upheld



Robert Jackson defends the proposed changes in university funding against critics fearing government interference

The Education Reform Bill has been strongly criticized over its provisions relating to the universities. Two main lines of argument have emerged, concerning values and machinery. The question of values — the alleged "narrow utilitarianism" of the Government's thinking — warrants an article of its own. Meanwhile, the burden of the criticism has been that the Bill gives the Government massive new powers of detailed intervention in the universities' internal affairs, threatening their autonomy and the principle of academic freedom.

This betrays some surprising misunderstandings of the existing position. Constitutionally, the University Grants Committee (UGC) is the creature of the executive. It advises the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the allocation of the public funds provided for universities. It is he, and his Permanent Secretary, who must account to Parliament for those funds.

It follows that, under the present arrangements, the Government is free to disregard the advice of the UGC, to determine how public money is spent within *particular institutions and to direct* funds as it pleases, and on what conditions it chooses. But no government has ever done so.

Here we have the familiar paradox that while the *form* of the British constitution is authoritarian, even totalitarian, its *practice* is highly pluralistic. The principles of parliamentary sovereignty and of accountability to Parliament for the use of public money must, in *theory, give any government* massive powers over the universities. In practice, however, the executive is constrained in the use of these theoretical powers by the existence of self-imposed conventions, by public opinion, and by the fact that — unlike their counterparts in some continental countries — the universities are autonomous self-governing corporations with resources and income of their own.

All this, which has protected the universities from detailed intervention by government throughout the era of the UGC, will continue to operate in the new era of its successor, the Universities Funding Council (UFC).

Indeed, the new UFC represents a strengthening of the constitutional safeguards for university autonomy. While the UGC is simply a creature of the executive, the UFC will have a statutory basis. Instead of advising the Secretary of State on the allocation of funds, it will have the responsibility for allocating those funds itself directly.

This will still, however, be public money (now more than £2,000 million a year), and since the Secretary of State is accountable to Parliament, he needs a power of last resort. That is why the Bill gives the him the power to attach "conditions" to the funds he pays to the UFC and to issue "*directions*" to it. These powers do no more than retain for the Government its existing capacity to safeguard the public interest. And they are on all fours with the powers which it has over the whole range of bodies to which it gives public money to spend on behalf of the taxpayer. The circumstances in which they are used may be further constrained, but these powers remain a *constitutional necessity*.

Meanwhile, experience sheds light. When the Research Councils were set up by statute in 1965, the Secretary of State was given powers of direction analogous with those proposed in relation to the UFC. In *form* the Government has power to do as it will with publicly-funded research, but while the Secretary of State has occasionally "earmarked" specific research funds after discussion with the Research Councils, his powers of direction have never in *practice* been used.

At the heart of this debate is the safeguarding of academic freedom, to which this government has demonstrated a powerful commitment. When the House of Lords persuaded the Government to legislate in 1986 to secure freedom of speech on the campus, there were indeed some in the universities who argued that this commitment was somewhat overdone. Until Sir Albert Sloman reported there were also some who felt that its determination to uphold the principle of academic freedom at Ruskin College was also somewhat unnecessary. At all events, the Government has shown where *it* stands on this issue.

It is objected, however, that the proposed abolition of strict academic tenure threatens the intellectual freedom of academics. The *strict tenure which the Government* proposes to abolish — that form of tenure which guarantees a job irrespective of the institution's needs, of its inability to pay the salary, or even, in some cases, of a don's incompetence and negligence — exists in no more than half our universities and in no polytechnics. Its absence has not been felt in those institutions to inhibit academic freedom. A more effective and less costly and wasteful way of safeguarding that principle in cases of dismissal must be to clarify the procedures which have to be followed, to ensure that they are fair, and to provide an ultimate right of appeal to the courts on issues which are readily justiciable. That is what the Bill does.

What it does *not* do is to spell out the detailed characteristics of the ways in which public funds will be provided to the universities. It authorizes the Secretary of State to make "payments" to the UFC, and the UFC to make "payments" to the universities. In other words, the concept that "grant" as a form of payment should be replaced by "contract" is not to be found in the Bill. The fire of those who regard contracting as a threat is therefore misdirected, insofar as that fire is directed against the Bill.

The Government has not yet reached conclusions on the exact nature of the proposed contracting regime, and it welcomes further discussion. The key issue is this: how and in what form should public money be provided to the universities? Whatever the theory of the British constitution, its practice respects the autonomy of institutions which demonstrate that they have a responsible life of their own, and which enjoy public regard. The best defence of university autonomy lies not in statute but in a greater degree of practical financial independence buttressed by widespread public appreciation of the value of what academics do.

Here the interests of the universities will be best served by the greater openness and accountability, and by the diversification of funding, which are implicit in the idea of contract. Wisdom should see in this idea not a threat but an opportunity.

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Britain's chess men bid for the summit

Two British Grandmasters — Nigel Short, the national champion, and Jon Speelman — have for the first time qualified for the Candidates' Tournament, that stage of the World Chess Championship which directly precedes the title match. The tournament starts tomorrow at St John, New Brunswick, on Canada's eastern seaboard. It consists of seven knockout matches between the world's top players (excluding Kasparov and Karpov, who automatically qualify for the championship).

So far this century British players have beaten reigning world champions only six times. Three of these victories were achieved by Short, whose potential has been evident since 1977 when, aged 12, he qualified for the final of the British championship and sensationally defeated the 10-times champion, Dr Jonathan Penrose. Speelman, a bearded Oxford intellectual, developed more slowly. He is, however, considered by many experts to be the more profound thinker of the two. Still in his early thirties, he has already won the British championship three times.

In Short and Speelman England has at last two potential world-beaters to challenge Soviet supremacy. Chess is the USSR's national game and the Soviet world champion, Gary Kasparov, is the end result of decades of chess culture. Still only 24, his chess genius was noticed while he was a child, and he was showered with trainers, assistants and all the resources necessary to aid his ascent to be world champion at 22.

In Eastern Europe as a whole, state subsidies are lavished on the promotion of chess, and the leading players are in effect state employees. There is now the additional lure of material benefits for those who reach the top of the Soviet chess tree — foreign travel, book contracts and lucrative prizes.

Twelve years ago Britain had no Grandmasters and not long before that the English team was finishing way down in the chess Olympics. Now British Grandmasters are regularly beating their counterparts from Eastern Europe, while at the 1984 and 1986 Olympics the English team won the silver medals, the latter a mere half a point behind the Soviet Union.

The sudden upswing in this country has come partly because of increased training of promising juniors and also a steady increase in support from sponsors, who recognize the educational potential of the game and the benefits success can bring in national prestige. Short and Speelman are very much the product of such enterprise. As juniors, training and playing opportunities were provided by such sponsors as *The Times*, which funds the British schools' championship.

Even more encouraging, private support has been found that will allow Short and Speelman to match the state-funded advisers, analysts and gatherers of information who will accompany their Soviet opponents to St John.

British progress has been such that the expansion of sponsored training, player support and new events has placed our Grandmasters on a plane from which they may even go on to threaten Kasparov and Karpov, who have dominated world chess for 12 years.

The potential is enormous. With prize funds available such as the £1.17 *million for last* year's Kasparov-Karpov match, should either Short or Speelman make it to the top we could see Britain's first chess millionaire.

Raymond Keene

Reports of the world qualifying games direct from St John will appear daily in The Times.

Robert Kilroy-Silk

Keep parole on the payroll

The Parole Board was wrong to free the persistent sex offender Alfonso Magnolia three times. On each occasion he re-offended, once while actually on parole. Judge John Hazan let the board off lightly by saying no more than that it had a "lenient approach" and that its actions should be reviewed, as indeed they are being by Lord Carlisle of Bucklow.

This was not the first time the board had made a mistake. It would be amazing if it were. No doubt there will be others. They're difficult to avoid given the nature of the people it is evaluating. Yet of the 24,380 prisoners released early from prison on the recommendation of the board or its local review committees in 1986 only 5.4 per cent — 796 — had their licence revoked and were recalled to prison, and only 537 of these had committed further crimes.

This impressive success rate is, unfortunately, overshadowed by the occasional spectacular failure. Alfonso Magnolia was one of them. There have been several others lately, like the man who raped his step-daughter; like the "violent and dangerous" William Anderson, freed from jail only to commit murder within a week; and like James Pollard, who returned to rape and strangle the woman he had been sent to prison for assaulting.

As a former Parole Board chairman, Lord Harris of Greenwich, fairly acknowledged on *Kilroy!*, any system of early release carries risks for the public. But then so also does the release of prisoners at the end of their sentences. Over 60 per cent of all prisoners — and a staggering 83 per cent of young offenders — are reconvicted within two years of release.

Compared with this dismal failure the record of the Parole Board looks impressive. Home Office research shows that for all categories of criminals, from the petty thieves to the sex offenders, the risk of re-offending is reduced if they are supervised on release rather than merely dumped into the community at the end of their sentences. This is one reason why the system retains the support of most penal reformers.

There are some, like the former judge, Sir Frederick Lawton, who believe that parole is given "far too freely". It's a view held by many who work within the prison system, as well as by some former inmates. They argue, not unfairly, that the criteria laid down for release are not strict enough, that the consideration of each case is not sufficiently thorough, and that convicts are adept at deceiving their assessors.

Any system of this kind dealing with such a large number of difficult people housed in unnatural surroundings is bound to have problems. The only question is: do the benefits outweigh the disadvantages? The National Association of Probation Officers says they do not. It would prefer to see the parole system replaced with shorter determinate sentences and more resources allocated to community-based alternatives to prison.

This is an attractive proposition. Not only would we be rid of the large, cumbersome and expensive bureaucracy of the parole system; we would also eradicate resentment and the grievances caused by its injustices. Make no mistake, it has many of these. It is not universally loved, even by prisoners. There are many of them who refuse to submit themselves to its adjudication.

They object to the way that they feel it is used to blackmail them into good behaviour. Some complain bitterly that the system's procedures and decisions are surrounded by secrecy; that they are not entitled to be properly represented when crucial decisions are being made; that no reasons are given for refusal of parole, and there is therefore no chance of challenging them as inaccurate, or, indeed, of amending the offending behaviour before the next review. And they are particularly outspoken about the way hopes of release are raised, only to be dashed by an anonymous, remote and unreasoning bureaucracy.

These are serious defects that Lord Carlisle should help to remedy. But they are not sufficient to justify the scrapping of the system. The consequences for prisoners and the penal system as a whole of abandoning the attempt to ease a prisoner's reintegration into society by sympathetic supervision are even more serious.

To begin with we would have to find an extra 5,000 prison places immediately in what is an already appallingly overcrowded penal estate. They are not available. It would certainly destroy the Home Secretary's attempt to alleviate overcrowding and require an expensive expansion of the prison building programme.

More important is that it would extinguish the faint glimmer of hope that currently helps to sustain many prisoners. So what? I hear the less charitable exclaim. But even the worst offenders need to have hope, they have to be reintegrated into society at some time, and the better and easier we make that transition the better it will be for us as well as them.

And it is, of course, in our interests to ensure that prisoners are successfully rehabilitated. That stops them committing further crimes. The parole system, with all its faults and its risks, helps that process. Whatever the risks of early release they are considerably less than those posed by freedom granted at a later date. Parole is one of the few tried methods we have of reducing crime. We should keep it, even though it is sometimes wrong.

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Peter Brimelow

Clint Eastwood need not apply

New York

"Our century should have taught all of us harsh lessons about the temptation of turning to extra-legal methods or to the 'man on the horse' to solve difficult social problems."

This sententious sentiment from *The New York Times* was inspired by Joe Clark, a high school "principal" (American for headmaster) in Paterson, New Jersey. Clark has not yet actually ridden a horse down the corridors of his educational establishment. But he does patrol them with a megaphone and a baseball bat. And he expels pupils he regards as trouble-makers. This has brought him into a nationally publicized confrontation with his Board of Education.

Mr Clark is black, and virtually all of his pupils are either black or Hispanic — *mestizos* from Latin America. His school, before he took it over five years ago, was described by law enforcement officials as "a cauldron of terror and violence".

British readers should note that this is hardly a figure of speech. Weapons are regularly carried in American ghetto schools. Pupils rob, rape and murder each other and, from time to time, their teachers. This, not just racial prejudice, is why *white* parents bitterly resisted school integration.

William J. Bennett, the Reagan administration's Secretary of Education, has singled out Clark as a praiseworthy example of the type of "leadership" he advocates in America's schools. The White House has even suggested that Clark might like to join President Reagan's staff. But his critics are equally vigorous. They argue that Clark has not improved educational results much in his school, that expelling maladjusted and failing pupils merely transfers the problems to the streets, and that anyway he systematically ignores the strict procedures that are supposed to govern the exercise of this supreme scholastic sanction.

Some of Clark's actions undoubtedly appear bizarre to whites, although they are in the tradition of charismatic leadership that seems to be a distinct cultural pattern among American blacks — witness the Democratic presidential contender, Jesse Jackson. Drawings of Clark as Batman fighting off drug dealers hang in the halls. There are reports that he intimidates and forces out teachers, sometimes with extravagant public denunciations, and last year he flatly refused to allow a state monitoring team into the building. But he does appear to be genuinely popular with his pupils — the ones that are left, of course.

What's really interesting about the kerfuffle is not the pedagogy but the politics. Clark's methods have caused a storm while principals in whose schools pupils learn nothing and might get killed (but not expelled) plod undisturbed towards their pensions.

This is because important elements in the American political elite have extraordinary difficulty with anything to do with the use of police power in society. Thus for them a tough black school principal instantly conjures up, however incongruously, the spectre of Hitler, or at least of the Tsar. So powerful is this reaction that they would rather cede the streets of New York to muggers, and let the public school system collapse (having removed their own children, of course), than accept that a few must be punished for the good of the many.

The New York Times, voice of those elite elements, regretted editorially that Paterson did not have special schools for its ineducable minority. Money can be a substitute for moral courage. But if Clark defied Board of Education efforts to reinstate expelled students, the newspaper concluded unhappily, there would be no choice but to discipline him — for not respecting the students' "constitutional right" to "due process". This extraordinarily expansive reading of the US Constitution illustrates the extent to which it has become a Rorschach Blot for liberal neuroses.

Significantly, my opening quotation is not from the paper's editorial but from a column by Albert Shanker, the highly intelligent president of the American Federation of Teachers. Shanker's tough-mindedness as a union leader is so notorious that he has been immortalized in the Woody Allen film *Sleeper* as starting a nuclear war over a wage dispute. But even compared to him Joe Clark looks like a Cossack.

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ABOVE ADEQUATE HEALTH

The Government has never had a better opportunity to improve the provision of health services. It has never, however, stood in greater danger of preventing improvement.

Both patients and practitioners are becoming restless. If the Government meets their complaints with mere financial obduracy, Mr John Moore's rough parliamentary ride earlier this week will soon seem as nothing. The Presidents of Royal Colleges have hardly begun the trouble they might make; enormous disturbance could be caused if greater numbers of consultants chose unscrupulously to parade their problems.

The noise of protest is now a spur to what could be dramatic beneficial changes. But it could quickly become a damper upon the chance of any change taking place. Few sights frighten politicians more than the armies of the sick, led by generals in white coats.

The Government needs a new programme and new confidence. It must do more than just tinker with the National Health Service. It should not passively accept closed children's wards and lengthening waiting lists with shoulder-shrugging comments about the infinite demands placed on any service which is free. It must show that it has a clear vision of a better system.

That means encouraging a debate which many would rather did not take place. It means opening up the arcane system of health service priorities. To those (mainly its political opponents) who talk of the injustice of all waiting lists, the question must be posed: what sort of rationing do you propose instead? To those (many of them its political friends) who want more charges, and new tax relief on health insurance to pay them, the question must be asked: is this equable, and will it produce the best value for the vast quantities of tax-payers' money which, in any circumstances, will continue to be spent on medical prevention and cures?

Mr Moore told the House of Commons on Tuesday that the principle of an adequate health service for all was not at stake. What he did not say was how that "adequacy" will be defined. Nor did he say how many individuals' willingness to pay for a more than adequate service could be best met. That is the challenge.

Mr Moore has recently been a patient. He had a good idea of the urgency of the treatment he required. He wanted it very urgently. He had insured to pay for that. A merely adequate service would not be quick enough for him.

We know, however, that for the bulk of the nation it is different. Rather than pay for instant access to medical care in all circumstances, they would prefer to spend their money in other ways.

Most patients (and certainly all doctors) have some idea of the relative urgency of different conditions. There are emergencies, through illness or accident, which need treating instantly. There are some conditions which can wait a month with little risk, others three months, others six months; some have no time limit and some, it can be argued, do not *need* treating at all. An adequate service could be defined as one which promises to treat different types of ailments within different agreed time limits.

Under current conditions, however, such a definition of adequacy could not be applied. Because there is a virtual monopoly supplier of health there is little means to force health authorities to live up to any ideal of adequacy. If there were a range of competitive suppliers it might be different.

The Government could set an annual fee per client which would be paid to any health organization (most of them initially based on regional health authorities) which would undertake to provide the basic service. If a patient was not treated within the specified time he would be entitled to be treated by another, at his own organization's expense.

If a patient wished to have all treatments (urgent and non-urgent) carried out, say, within a month he could take out insurance to achieve that. If he wished to insure against the cost of only a certain category of accelerated treatment, he could do that too.

Specific insurance of that kind would be much cheaper than comprehensive health insurance like that most commonly taken today. It would not need to be boosted by tax relief. It would be driven by the desire to improve upon an adequate service, not to bypass an often inadequate one.

A further problem of systems based on charges and insurance is that they carry no incentive to reduce medical costs. Absence of cost-control is one of the worst legacies of 40 years of the National Health Service. If there were true competition betwen providers of the basic service, and if patients were allowed to shop around for the best deal (garnered, perhaps, en bloc by their GP, as recommended by the Adam Smith Institute last week) the most thriving health organizations would be those that satisfied their consumers at the lowest price. With the money saved they would be able to provide extra services or to shorten waiting lists still further.

Mr Moore will be receiving much advice over the coming weeks. He will need to digest it all quickly. Early indications of his thoughts are not encouraging to those who think that the nation's present obsession with its health service is an opportunity rather than a threat.

He should first hold an internal inquiry to help him identify the type of diversified, competitive, health service which he would like to see. He should begin immediately to work on the mechanisms by which such a system would be administered. Under the solution sketched out above, for example, there would need to be a standing commission on medical priorities and a system (inside or outside the DHSS) for regulating the quality of organizations in receipt of public funds.

His own role – or more likely that of his successor – would be different too. He or she would set the capitation fee per patient, weighting it probably by age and other factors. But the minister would no longer answer to the House of Commons for waiting lists in Birmingham children's wards. There would likely be a consequently larger role for the health services ombudsman.

Mr Moore is an instinctive believer in the market place. He should have the confidence that what is judged adequate in the market-oriented future will be better than that which his own Civil Servants can offer today. He will have to transmit that confidence, first to his colleagues and further thereafter. There should be an early White Paper.

In the meantime he must ensure that his immediate policies do not run counter to his eventual aims. The hospitals that today have the best idea of what their costs and priorities are will form the heart of the best health organizations in the future.

DIPLOMACY OF INSOLENCE

Mr Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, during his visit to Bonn this week, touched on whether the Nato countries should use a possible pause in arms control talks to improve their nuclear defences. That "cannot be tolerated", he said.

Such is the supine attitude of much Western opinion in the face of Mr Gorbachov's diplomacy – including much governmental opinion – that these sinister and insolent remarks have attracted little attention and not a whimper of protest. The modernization would not be in breach of any treaty. It would be part of an attempt by the West to preserve some sort of balance of power in Europe between Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

The West will be trying to do so in the face of a Soviet Union which – whatever treaties it signs – will continue to have an overwhelming conventional strength with which to threaten parts or all of Nato. That strength will be in addition to a Soviet nuclear arsenal which – irrespective of the INF and the possible strategic arms reduction agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union – will still be vast.

Compared with Nato, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact have short lines of communication. In a grave European crisis, Nato would have to move American men and weaponry across an ocean. Such an act would immediately become known to the world. It would be depicted by the Soviet Union as deepening a crisis or indeed precipitating one. It would be something which any American President would be reluctant to do. Public opinion, or the the American political mood, might even make it impossible.

To reinforce its strength on either the European central front or the Nato flanks, the Warsaw Pact would move its forces across a land mass. It would be able to do so under cover of a system which – whatever Mr Gorbachov has in mind – looks like remaining totalitarian for the foreseeable future. There will not be much *glasnost* during such a military operation. Soviet and Eastern European public opinion will not have many outlets for warning Moscow against being bellicose.

Nato cannot rely on its conventional forces – tanks and men – because it does not have enough of them. In the countries which make up Nato, preparedness to wage war is not the first priority of government. In the Soviet Union, it still is.

Soviet military strength is derived from the nature of Soviet society – a society on a permanent war footing. To maintain its security against such an adversary, the West must rely on those strengths derived from the nature of *its* society. One of the few of these with a direct military application is the West's technological superiority.

Only by technology does the West have a chance of indefinitely deterring conventional forces on the scale of the Warsaw Pact's. The West needs the most technologically-advanced weapons. That includes constantly modernizing its battlefield nuclear weapons. Only they provide a plausible deterrent to, say, a limited, probing Soviet incursion onto Nato territory.

No American President would be likely to endanger American cities – and voters – by threatening to use strategic nuclear weapons against the Soviet Union just to frighten the Red Army out of a few miles of Norway or Turkey, especially since the Soviet Union will be saying that it will not be the first to resort to nuclear weapons. The British Prime Minister and the French President, both of whom have strategic nuclear weapons, are likely to be equally solicitous of the citizens of London and Paris.

What would deter such a Soviet adventure would be intermediate-range, precision-guided weapons with conventional and nuclear warheads – exactly the kind of weapons which Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand have told their defence ministers to discuss. Little wonder that Mr Shevardnadze wants to put a stop to such weapons.

Yet the Soviet Union is constantly modernizing its own nuclear arsenal. The SS25 is simply a version of the intermediate-range SS20, altered to take it outside the range of the weapons forbidden under the INF Treaty.

What did Mr Shevardnadze mean – Nato modernization "cannot be tolerated"? Who would stop it? Probably he will rely on the United States doing so in order not to jeopardize its new relationship with the Soviet Union. If Western Europe is not careful, it will be trapped between the interests of its enemy and its supposed ally. Western European governments should ignore the advice of this week's bullying visitor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doing justice to Seán MacBride.

From the Rev Dr Vincent Twomey

Sir, Your editorial (January 18) on the late Seán MacBride, published the day he was laid to rest, not only offended the pagan dictum, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, but also the truth. The violent revolution which eventually brought the Irish State into being has been transformed over the past five decades into authentic democratic republicanism of the classical and Christian traditions which can only be a source of pride to any self-respecting Irish man or woman.

Seán MacBride mirrored this development and indeed played his own part in bringing it about. His championship of human rights throughout the world was his most significant contribution to that development, since rights are the basis of democracy.

Mr MacBride's understanding of the justification of violent "revolution" in extreme situations of grave injustice (reflecting that of Pope Paul VI) made him distance himself from the policy of the present IRA. While it is true that revolutions usually cause more injustice than that which they seek to eradicate, one must not forget that injustice is the cause of violent revolution, since violence breeds violence.

Britain has an enormous responsibility for the emergence of that tradition of violence which has undeniably marked our recent history. The least we would expect is due recognition of the development of a truly democratic republicanism in Ireland out of the terrible beauty which indeed was born.

The same issue of *The Times* contains a report on loyalist and republican racketeering in the North. You put "loyalist" in inverted commas, and rightly so, but not "republican". Why? The majority, both north and south, reject violent "republicanism" as much as (if not more than) peace-loving loyalists.

The terrible tragedy of Northern Ireland, including the deaths of British soldiers despite their courage ad determination, will not end as long as Britain, as reflected in your editorial, continues effectively to deny its own responsibility for its origins and to scorn the achievement of democratic republicanism in Ireland.

Admittedly our democracy, like every modern democracy, including that of Britain, is a fragile entity. But it alone offers any hope for the future. We in Ireland and Britain must cherish and respect it – and those men and women who promote and defend human rights, such as the late Mr Seán MacBride. *Requiescat in pace.*

Yours truly,
VINCENT TWOMEY,
St Patrick's College,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare,
Republic of Ireland.
January 18.

From Mr Martin Ennals

Sir, Your editorial on Seán MacBride is too dismissive of his international role, particularly in the field of human rights.

Seán MacBride was Chairman of Amnesty International for the first 13 years of its existence and played a major part in drafting and defending its statute, including the "non-violent" clause in the definition of a "prisoner of conscience". He worked relentlessly to persuade the USSR and Eastern European countries to ratify the UN covenants on human rights, which thus brought the whole field of violations of human rights into the compass of the UN and other international machinery.

As Foreign Minister of Ireland his name is displayed on the wall of the Council of Europe as being a signatory and major contributor to the creation of the effective European human rights legislation which today binds both his own country and ours.

The General Assembly of the United Nations elected Seán MacBride as Commissioner for Namibia and, even in his eighties, he travelled tirelessly in response to invitations from all over the world where he was recognized as a brilliant international lawyer and defender of human rights.

He was not always easy, but he was consistent, seemingly indefatigable and endowed with an almost old-world charm and courtesy.

Seán MacBride's record in Ireland is for the Irish to evaluate. His contribution to the international protection of human rights is undeniable. He did not win the Nobel Peace Prize for *nothing*.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN ENNALS
(Secretary General,
Amnesty International, 1968-1980),
157 Southwood Lane, N6.
January 19.

Unity talks

From Mr D. M. Graham

Sir, I am what you call (leading article, January 19) a "diehard Liberal community politician". I shall go to Blackpool to vote in favour of the organic union of Social Democrats and Liberals and against the "wee free" divisiveness of Mr Tony Greaves (once an honoured guest in this house) and Dr Owen.

My main reason was well stated, as long ago as 1765, by Sir William Blackstone in his *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (book 1, ch. 2, p. 172):

> If any alteration might be wished or suggested in the frame of parliaments, it should be in favour of a more complete representation of the people.

The chuckling Dr Owen, at his recent Hammersmith meeting (brought to a wider public by the TV Channel 4 *Week in Politics* report on January 13) said: "We are in favour of proportional representation, and have always said it will allow more parties to offer a wider choice to the electorate. So why merge two parties into one?" (or words to that effect).

But we are still stuck with an unreformed electoral system and the resultant dangerously exaggerated Conservative parliamentary majority (dangerous to Conservative as well as national interests).

Mr Tony Greaves works like a Trojan at getting the best he can out of the present electoral system by hard campaigning on local issues. But we cannot afford the waste of time, effort and cash in demarcation disputes between two political parties which have shown, so often, that they can work as one in local government and which ought not to be kept divided by such ludicrous quibbles as Mr Meadowcroft's insistence that L comes before S in alphabetical order.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID M. GRAHAM (executive member, Richmond and Barnes Liberal Association),
9 Vine Road, SW13.
January 19.

Saved from leeches

From Mr Michael Reilly

Sir, Mrs M. C. Johnston's letter (January 16) on her unusual experience as a nurse of the use of leeches at a London teaching hospital in the 1930s recalls one of my own unusual memories from the same time, possibly at the same hospital.

Leeches were then one of the means used to reduce swelling and inflammation round the eye in cases of acute iritis. As a clinical assistant in the ophthalmic department I was instructed by my chief to apply leeches to a patient's temple.

I asked a nurse in the ward to prepare a dressings trolley while I was busy elsewhere. On my return I found the trolley meticulously laid out with antiseptics, sterile cloth, sterile swabs, sterile gallipots and a neat row of leeches. These had been sterilised by boiling. None escaped.

Yours *in veritate*,
MICHAEL REILLY,
Magnolia Cottage,
Harrowbeer Lane,
Yelverton, Devon.
January 17.

Satellite TV

From the Managing Director of Super Channel

Sir, Dr Michael Tracey's views ("Satellite TV 'will be a flop'", report, January 12) about national audiences being unlikely to switch to satellite television channels are not supported by what actually happens today in the 200,000 cabled UK homes.

Research by JICCAR (Joint Industries Committee on Cable Audience Research) shows that there is a clear appetite for more than the current four television channels. One third of all viewing in cabled homes is *not* to BBC1, BBC2, ITV, Channel 4.

Our own recent research in cabled homes shows Rupert Murdoch's Sky Channel third most popular channel after ITV and BBC1. The film channel Premiere is fourth, and Super Channel (one year old this month) is fifth.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOOPER,
Managing Director,
Super Channel,
Vision House,
19/22 Rathbone Place, W1.
January 12.

Museum training

From Mr Cecil Gould

Sir, Mr Claude Blair (January 14) endorses the view that museum trustees "should be required to undergo training". A simpler solution would be to follow the example of many of the leading Continental art museums and abolish the trustee system.

The fatuous principle of amateurs "sitting in . . . judgement" (Mr Blair's phrase) on highly trained professionals is particularly evident when it comes to the purchase of Old Masters, since so few trustees, in my experience, are able to distinguish between the museum's needs and their personal taste.

At the very first meeting of the National Gallery trustees after they were given power of purchase (which, between 1855 and 1894 had been the director's prerogative) they declined the offer of Titian's "Europa", arguably the greatest picture now in the United States. Many more recent examples could be cited.

There are far too few trustees who could echo Lord Curzon's words to the National Gallery trustees: "I don't like this picture. I would not want it in my house. But in view of what the director tells us of its importance I suggest we buy it."

Yours,
CECIL GOULD,
Jubilee House,
Thorncombe,
Nr Chard, Somerset.
January 14.

European views on foam fire risks

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, It is true that the recent move to impose minimum standards for the use of polyurethane foam in furniture has to be considered by the European Commission in order to ascertain whether or not it is contrary to European (and thus incidentally *our*) legislation on the free movement of goods. At the moment, however, Lord Stoddart's fears (January 20) seem to be unjustified).

There is as yet no indication that the Commission will look other than favourably upon the move, in the same way that it has reacted favourably in the past to similar bans on similar products in France and in Italy.

There is no indication either that the Commission will put trade advantage before human life. The Commission may indeed use this as an opportunity to initiate European legislation on fire safety. We will thus see a laudable British decision affecting the entire European market and the lives and safety of 320 million consumers.

As Mr Douglas Woodward, the Director of the Fire Protection Association, correctly pointed out in his letter (January 20), the proper steps must now be taken to ensure that our European partners are aware of the reasons for the move and to encourage them to support us for the protection of their own people. However, it is significant that in West Germany, where sales of polyurethane foam are much higher, the incidence of deaths resulting from the combustion of these foams is strikingly lower. Foams of this type are part of a wider issue of fire safety in the home.

We must also recognize that the solution to the problem lies not purely in the quality of the foam but also in the nature of the textile covering. Any worthwhile improvement in fire safety in the home is dependent not only on Government legislation and the quality of materials incorporated into furniture but also on the safety awareness of the general public.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BEAZLEY,
Rest Harrow,
14 The Combe,
Ratton, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
January 20.

Hospital closure

From

Sir, Individual cases of distress arising from the increasingly restricted service that the NHS is able to provide have been concerned with the consequences of the lack of sufficient resources to provide proper in-patient care. The decision by our local Tunbridge Wells Area Health Authority to close Tonbridge Cottage Hospital is one example where distress and hardship will be caused to hundreds of patients and their families.

We are caring for my wife's mother who is totally invalided and requires attention throughout the day. We are attempting to do this at home as our contribution to the policy of, as far as possible, keeping such patients in the community, and to cope we are critically dependent on the support services.

Already, our daily visits from the district nursing staff have been cut, leaving us to fill in the gaps with private nurses and volunteers. The hospital gives us two days a week respite by enabling my mother-in-law to attend its day centre. This provides her with company and social facilities and enables her to have a bath and use specialist services such as the chiropidist.

For the family, the hospital not only provides my wife with a few hours free time, it is also the only way in which we and our children can take a holiday since my mother-in-law can be admitted and cared for while we are away.

Already we have been told that there are unlikely to be be vacancies or alternative facilities available in the area.

Any possible saving from closing the hospital will be short-lived, since in-patient care is many times more expensive. In the meantime, the severely stretched district nursing service will reach breaking point.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. BRADLEY,
11 Yardley Park Road,
Tonbridge, Kent.

Flights of fancy?

From Mr G. Sydney

Sir, Some years ago I was serving with an RAF photo-reconnaisance squadron. I puzzled over the fact that pilots returning from training flights would often take a few frames of a local lake. They always asked for maximum enlargement of these non-military shots.

The mystery was solved when I learned that our CO was a keen wildfowler and appreciated a daily duck count.

So Mr Bush (January 20) should photograph his flock and count at his leisure.

Yours truly,
GEORGE SYDNEY,
15 O'Neill House,
Cochrane Street, NW8.

Feverish rivalry

From Mr Alastair K. Ross

Sir, The statistics cited by Dr E.S. Leedham-Green (January 19) as evidence of the comparative febrifaciency of Oxford and Cambridge seem to corroborate an earlier estimate, published in *A Moral Alphabet* (1899):

O stands for Oxford. Hail! salubrious seat
Of learning! Academical Retreat!
Home of my Middle Age! Malarial Spot
Which People call Medeeval (though it's not).
The marshes in the neighbourhood can vie
With Cambridge, but the town itself is dry. . . .

The writer was the respected zoologist, child psychologist and travel writer, H. Belloc.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR ROSS,
48 Mount Pleasant Road,
Ealing, W5.

From Mr Nicholas Coral

Sir, As a graduate of Cambridge University I would interpret the statistics submitted by Dr Leedham-Green as showing that those receiving a Cambridge education subsequently prove more worthy of an obituary notice than do those from the other place.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS CORAL,
24 Radley House,
Park Road, NW1.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 23 1924

Vladimir Ilyich Ulianov (1870-1924), under his nom de guerre *of Lenin, has passed into history as the archetypal revolutionary.* The Times *accorded him an obituary of over 4,000 words*

Lenin.

LENIN is dead . . . He died in a house confiscated from a once wealthy merchant not far from Moscow. For many weeks his followers, already weary of the artificial legend of his leadership, have been disputing his succession, and each of the disputants in turn has invoked the memory, the precepts of the lost leader. In truth LENIN was Bolshevism, and Bolshevism was LENIN. Rarely in modern times has a man so strongly impressed his own individuality upon a movement of astounding extent and still incalculable consequences. He was something that is not known even yet. He was a force that is everywhere felt. He was a terrible disturber, for whose action analogies must be sought in remote and barbarous periods of history. Yet he was a man of our generation, whom not a few contemporaries have seen and heard. The ruin he has wrought in a great Empire is manifest and notorious. The destructive doctrines he taught are still obscuring and poisoning the minds of many millions. Yet he was no superman. . . . LENIN was extraordinary. It is as though, with some fanatical purpose, he had set himself to prove the Marxian doctrine that the material forces of history make men and that it is not men who make history. For he himself, in spite of all the destructive changes he has wrought, in spite of all the fierce convulsions that are connected with his name, was but an ordinary, a rather commonplace man, . . .

For the greater part of his life the man who, for conspirative or literary reasons called himself LENIN, but whose real name was ULIANOFF, was simply a bookish, crabbed, intriguing revolutionary. He had little direct personal knowledge of the world and of men. He left Russia when he was still young, and in his youth in Russia he had slight opportunity of acquiring any knowledge of the thronging desires and impulses of his fellow-countrymen. He lived in a world of abstractions and of exiles whose chief interest lay in those very abstractions that moved him and stirred him to feverish action. There must have been in him, too, some atavistic, subconscious instinct . . . It was, indeed, not as a thinker that he attained prominence, but as a very remarkable tactician. He had little experience of men, but he had an incomparable instinct for human weakness. He learned to exploit this weakness in the world of the exiled Russian revolutionaries. Cold, dry, and sardonic, he was avid of power and full of contempt for what he called romanticism . . .

He was essentially an autocrat. He despised democracy, as he despised religion, liberty, and every form of spiritual independence. He destroyed with such incredible effect that his own *régime* was endangered; its material basis was undermined. Then he turned round and derided his own followers, who had carried out his precepts blindly as *romantic Communists*. Yet, in his struggle with his opponents in Russia and with the hostile world outside, a strange whirl of circumstance combined with LENIN'S own marvellous tactical instinct to ensure him again and again what seemed a victory. LENIN won for a time; he carried out an immense work of destruction in a great country; he annihilated opposition by a systematic and maniacal application of terror, and he propelled revolutionary forces into the confusion and unrest of post-war Europe. He was certainly a very remarkable man, since his character found such a signal opportunity. He was paralysed by the effort, and failure came before the paralysis. His followers, divided and distracted, are disputing over the tradition he has created.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 22: Mr Christopher Marlow had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 22: The Duchess of York, attended by Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening from the United States of America.

A memorial service for Sir Melford Stevenson will be held at the Temple Church, Temple, London, EC4, on Thursday, March 3, at 5.00.

The Head Master of Harrow School and Mrs Ian Beer attended the service for Sir John Colville on Thursday.

Sigõr and Sigñora G. Nery attended the service for Sir John Colville on Thursday.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr A.M. Davis, rugby player, 46; Lord Denning, 89; Air Marshal Sir John Duxbury, 54; Sir John Grenside, chartered accountant, 67; Sir Arthur Lewis, economist, 73; Sir James Lighthill, provost, University College London, 64; His Honour J.F. Marnan, QC, 80; Miss Jeanne Moreau, actress, 60; Brigadier Kenneth Page, 90; Mr Bob Paisley, former football manager, 69; Lord Strathcarron, 64.

TOMORROW: Miss Nora Beloff, author, 69; Mr Neil Diamond, singer and actor, 43; Mr Bamber Gascoigne, author and broadcaster, 53; Major Sir Victor Le Fanu, Serjeant at Arms, House of Commons, 63; Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, 70; Dr Desmond Morris, zoologist, writer and broadcaster, 60; Mrs Jane Somerville, consultant physician, 55; Earl Spencer, 64; Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, 71.

Byron Society

The Dean of Westminster officiated at a commemorative service held in Westminster Abbey last night for Lord Byron's bicentenary year.

Mr John Murray and Mr Peter Porter were speakers and the Hon Robin Byron, the Earl of Lytton and Mr William St Clair, chairman of the Byron Society, laid flowers.

A dinner was held afterwards at the House of Commons sponsored by Mr Michael Foot, MP. Mr Willaim St Clair was in the chair and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, and Mr Ian Scott-Kilvert were the speakers. Among others present were:

The Greek Ambassador, Lady Caroline Lytton, the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, the Hon Desmond and Mrs Guinness, the Hon Mrs Robin Byron, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, and Lady Huxley, Mr Norman Buchan, MP, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mr Mark Fisher, MP, Professor and Mrs Francis Berry, Mrs Elma Dangerfield, Miss Hermione Hobhouse, Professor K Kernberger, Mrs John Murray, Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow and Mr and Mrs Jack Wasserman.

Walthamstow Hall

Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, this year celebrates the 150th anniversary of its foundation as a home and school for the daughters of missionaries. A service of thanksgiving, to be held on Saturday, February 13 in the Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, WC1, is the first of a series of special events.

These will include a concert on May 13 and 14, an Old Girls' reunion on June 11, the Friends and Parents' Association commemoration ball on July 2, and an exhibition on the history of the school in October. There will be productions of *Portrait of a Queen*, by William Francis, at the end of the Summer term, and *The Nativity*, by Tony Harrison, at Christmas.

All Old Girls, former members of staff and friends of the school are invited to share our celebrations and should request further details of these and other events from the Secretary, Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3UL.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend a performance of *Midnite* by Christ Church Grammar School and Methodist Ladies' College at the Commonwealth Institute at 2.00 during their Australian bicentennial tour of Great Britain.

TOMORROW: Prince Edward will attend the presentation of the 1987 Laurence Olivier Awards at the Victoria Palace Theatre at 7.50 and will attend a reception and dinner afterwards at Grosvenor House.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the *Evening Standard* British Film Awards at the Savoy Hotel at 7.05.

University news

Wales
University of Wales College of Medicine
Grants

Multiple Sclerosis Society: £95,033 to Dr C Livingston (neurology) to study the pathological and immunological sequelae of chronic and antibody mediated demyelination; £240,843 to Dr S Compston to study the molecular basis of myelin damage in MS.

Chest, Heart and Stroke Association: £217,800 to Professor A W Archer and Dr K Verrier-Jones in support of a pilot study into prevention of kidney damage due to childhood urinary tract infection.

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust: £106,663 to Dr H C Ryley in support of neonatal screening for cystic fibrosis.

Wellcome Trust: £96,775 to Dr D J Shaw to study mapping the Huntingdon's disease and myotonic dystrophy genes using electrophoresis of large DNA fragments; £146,805 to Professor G H Elder to research the pathogenic role of pore forming toxins of the immune system (senior research fellowship); £148,788 to Professor R Hall to study apolipoprotein gene variants in coronary heart disease and hyper-lipidaemias (senior research fellowship); £98,926 to Dr I A Hughes to support a molecular genetic study of disordered sexual differentiation.

David Stevens

Case for episcopal repentance

Only very recently did the Church of England give up hope of converting the English people. Michael Ramsey, in his enthronement sermon in 1961, appealed most movingly (developing an Old Testament text) for a "band of men who would go with him" to this task.

That year was the peak of post-war Anglican revival. The secretary of the Central Board of Finance informed the Church Assembly that the baptized membership of the church was 27 million.

He conceded that some of that number might not all be regular churchgoers, but he could point to a steady post-war increase in numbers of Easter communicants, reaching a peak of nearly 2.5 million, and that in 1959 74,000 males had been confirmed – 19 per cent adults (today's figures give a total of 77,000 – mostly female).

Michael Ramsey's predecessor – Archbishop Fisher – on laying down his office, had expressed himself in not untypically complacent terms. "I leave the Church of England in good heart", he opined, and indeed he could look back on 15 years of reconstruction and modest expansion.

At the end of the war it had been announced that 5,000 men from the Forces had volunteered for the ministry. Clearly many never made it, but the mood of the clergy in the 1950s was generally optimistic. The church was "going forward"; missions proliferated; the church societies were "winning men for Christ". Their slogans elicited no sense of unease, let alone the embarrassed blushes provoked by latter-day missions such as Archbishop Coggan's courageous "Call to the Nation" in 1975.

With the benefit of hindsight, one can see that the campaigns of Fisher's years could be no more "successful" than those of Archbishop Coggan's. Indeed, in one respect the latter were more realistically based than the former, since in the 1950s a triumphalist Church of England was usually ready to go it alone, whereas by the 1970s it was clear that if England were to be converted, all the main Christian denominations must be involved including, notably, the Roman Catholic.

The irony was that by the 1970s there had been a reversal of the conscious attempt of two decades earlier to persuade the Anglican laity to accept a common discipline, which would have made them more comprehensible to the Roman Catholics. There had been the "Archbishops' rules for church membership" pasted into the fly leaves of the parish prayer books.

Based upon the Roman Catholic Commandments of the Church, they had dared to try to bind churchgoers to practical obligations, thus reflecting the desire of archbishops Fisher and Garbett to rescue the national church from the reproach which, according to Dean Selwyn, was "in the minds of the young," viz. "1. What does the Church of England stand for? 2. Has it any rules? 3. What are they?

Had this authoritarian trend continued, the joint efforts of the 1970s might have found the two dominant denominations mroe ready for real co-operation. Instead, the supervening unheaval of the 1960s reduced them to two well-meaning allies whistling to each other in the dark, deprived as they were of a realistic common language.

Even in the previous decade there had been signs of the approaching anarchy. The *Crockford's* preface of 1954 made no headlines, yet there was venom in its anonymous attack: "The Church of England has now an unofficial but not effective mechanism for the virtual suppression of the unpopular... Persons who urge minority views repugnant to the majority are rapidly becoming an anachronism. We understand certain clergymen informed the Archbishop of their respective bishops that they had not written the Preface..."

The author followed with a detailed refutation of the marriage doctrine which, with enthusiastic archiepiscopal approval, had been universally approved by the church. Significantly, the arguments employed were substantially those taken up by the dominant group of clerics in the 1970s, who persuaded the church to try to overthrow its own canons by spending its own money toward that end, in a series of commissions with built-in majorities for change.

A whole volume will be written on this subversive campaign, which foundered only on the opposition of many ordinary people in the parishes, once they discovered what was really going on.

But the anagamist controversy was only one aspect of the movement to conform to the ethical subjectivism of the age. Toleration of active homoeroticism, condonation of promiscuity, contraception preached as a gospel, above all comfort given by churchmen to the passing of the 1967 Aboriton Act – there is a whole range of moral relativisms which could never have been envisaged as Christian by any previous generation of Englishmen.

Our people have never been doctrincally minded, but they thought they knew Christian morality, even when, limiting its range too much to the sexual, individuals might resist its too strict application to themselves.

As today's bishops, in the glare of currrent scandals (all stemming from the apocalyptic phenomenon of Aids) begin their difficult reassessment of the "gay" issue, they face further painful retractations of their predecessors' compromises. Have they, for example, a common mind about the Alton Bill?

Episcopal repentance will need to go further if the Church of England is to play its proper part in any renewed attempt to commend the Gospel to the English. Archbishop Runcie is brave and humble enough to lead the necessary prior renewal in the national church.

Canon Stevens is a former member of the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England.



Choirboys take tea yesterday after receiving their sponsorship cheque (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Bagwell
and Miss P.H.R. Ewing
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of the late Major W.E.G. Bagwell, MC, and Mrs Bagwell, of Straffan, Co Kildare, and Peta, elder daughter of the late Mr D.W.A. Ewing and Mrs Ewing, of Codsall, Staffordshire.

Mr T.M. Craft
and Miss L.S. Orriss
The engagement is announced between Timothy Michael, eldest son of Mr M. Craft, of Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and Mrs A.M. Craft, of Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, and Linda Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Orriss, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr L.B. Faller
and Miss J.D. Morrell
The engagement is announced between Lee, son of Mr and Mrs B. Fuller, of Blackhill Farm, Bramhope, Leeds, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Morrell, of Benton House, Horbury, Wakefield.

Mr I.S.P. Hogg
and Miss S.J. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Ian Stirling Penderal, son of Mr and Mrs J.S.F. Hogg, of Epsom, Surrey, and Susan Jennifer, daughter of Mrs J.M. Graham, of Apperley, Gloucestershire, and of Mr J.G. Hunter, of Lanzarote, Canary Islands.

Mr J. Hunt
and Miss C.F. Scott-Moncrieff
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr Anthony Hunt, of Cecily Hill, Cirencester, and Mrs P. Hunt, of Toadsmoor Valley, Gloucestershire, and stepson of Mrs D. Hunt, and Clare Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Francis Scott-Moncrieff and Mrs Patricia Scott-Moncrieff, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr L.P. Kirkby
and Miss J.A. Neave
The engagement is announced between Laurence Patrick, son of the late Mr Laurence Kirkby and Mrs Mary Kirkby, of Beaumontcote, Barton on Humber, and Joan Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Neave, of Greyingham Cliff, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

Dr H.P.L. Martin
and Miss J.A. Tate
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Dr and Mrs L.T. Martin, of Cross, Somerset, and Juliette, daughter of Mr J.R. Tate, of Danville, Virginia, United States, and of Mrs G.E. Aston, of Ley Hill, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.J. Montgomery
and Miss J. Northover
The engagement is announced between Archie, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Montgomery, of North Cadbury Court, Somerset, and Janet, younger daughter of Mr Keith Northover and the late Mrs Margaret Northover and stepdaughter of Mrs Keith Northover, of Foxcombe Farm, Galhampton, Somerset.

Mr J.P. Moody
and Miss P.A. Constable
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of the Rev Raymond and Mrs Moody, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Constable, of Burntwood, Staffordshire.

Mr B.G. Price
and Miss L.K. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Barnaby, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Price, of Weald, near Sevenoaks, Kent, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Harrison, of Freeland, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.J. Railton
and Miss M.R. Goodhew
The engagement is announced between Peter, middle son of Mr J. Railton and Mrs K. Railton, and Mary, daughter of Mr K.T.A. Goodhew and Dr E.D. Goodhew, of Petts Wood, Kent.

Captain C.J. Reynolds
and Miss E.M. Warltier
The engagement is announced between Christopher Reynolds, 14th/20th King's Hussars, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs K.H.J. Reynolds, of Broadhembury, Devon, and Elaine, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.W. Warltier, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr M.H.D. Seeley
and Miss E.A. Garcia
The engagement is announced between Michael Hugh Drummond, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Seeley, of Lilantela, St George's Hill, Weybridge, and Elisabeth Astri, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Garcia, of Staten Island, New York, United States.

Mr P.J. Shanley
and Miss C.A. Knox
The engagement is announced between Padraig, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Shanley, of Kiltyclogher, Leitrim, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Knox, of Navan Road, Dublin.

Mr M.T. Simpson
and Miss S.F. Brigg
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Simpson, of Victoria, Hong Kong, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J.F. Brigg, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr D.J. Whyles
and Miss K. Atkinson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs M.A. Whyles, Alvalton, near Peterborough, and Karen, only daughter of Mrs R. Atkinson, of Haverhill, Suffolk.

Marriage

Mr S.A. Carter
and Miss J.F. Raikes
The marriage took place on January 19, 1988, in Hong Kong between Mr Stephen Carter and Miss Julia Raikes.

Latest wills

Sir Arthur Edward Trevor Benson, of Tipton St John, Devon, former Governor of Northern Rhodesia, left estate valued at £88,794 net.

Mr Charles Percy Pearce, of Boxgrove, Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,144,246 net.

Mr David William Hardy Scott-Moncrieff, of Leek, Staffordshire, motor engineer, founder in 1927 of David Scott-Moncrieff, "purveyors of horseless carriages to the nobility and gentry, London", and author of the official history of Mercedes Benz, left estate valued at £68,040 net.

Mr Basil James Leopold Ridout, of Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex, left estate valued at £759,270 net.

Lady Symon, of Worthing, West Sussex, widow of Sir Alexander Symon, left estate valued at £183,675 net.

Mr Cecil George Thompson, of Frogham, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, left estate valued at £627,111 net.

Mr William Norman Hope, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, chartered surveyor, left estate valued at £599,516 net.

Singing for their sponsors

By Ruth Gledhill

St Paul's Cathedral choirboys, who have joined the spirit of private enterprise by learning to sing for their supper, yesterday received the premier payment.

The first of four charity concert sponsored by the London accountants, Moore Stephens, raised £27,822 to provide bursaries for the St Paul's Cathedral School Foundation, which launched an appeal for funds in 1985.

Nearly 2,000 people paid between £4 and £15 for tickets for the concert in July last year, to hear the choristers, soloists, including opera singer Eiddwen Harrhy, and the City of London Symphonia with the English Brass Ensemble.

This year's concert, on July 5, will include Fauré's Requiem 1893 and, by public demand, the programme will include fewer soloists and more works performed by the choristers.

Mr Nicholas Hilton, the marketing partner with Moore Stephens, said: "We raised £7,000 more than expected. We had an exceptional amount of advertising in the programme for a charity concert and we had many generous donations, including £10 from my mother."

Dinners

Keble College, Oxford

Mr C.J.E. Ball, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, presided at the Keble London dinner held last night at the Brewery, Chiswell Street. The guests were the presidents of the middle and junior common rooms.

Coningsby Club

The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, was entertained by the Coningsby Club at a dinner given on Thursday at the Carlton Club. Mr Mark Bishop was in the chair.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR E. B. FORD

Theory and practice in genetics

Professor E. B. Ford, FRS, the eminent geneticist, died on January 22 at the age of 86.

His work on natural selection, mainly carried out on butterflies and moths, was outstanding. He demonstrated that what had been purely theoretical predictions actually worked in the woods and the fields, and thus he was the originator of ecological genetics.

Ford also "invented" genetic polymorphism, that delicate balance between conformity and diversity, and he prophesied, correctly, that susceptibility to particular diseases was a factor in maintaining the human blood group polymorphisms.

Edmund Brisco Ford was born near Cockermouth in Cumbria. His education and career were based on Oxford University.

An undergraduate (and later an Honorary Fellow) at Wadham College, he became a lecturer in Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, and then turned to genetics, which led to his appointments as Director of the Genetics Laboratory (1952-69) and as Professor of Ecological Genetics (1963-69).

He was elected FRS in 1946 and awarded the Royal Society's Darwin Medal in 1954, and the Medal of Helsinki in 1967.

He was one of the first scientists to be elected a Fellow of All Souls since the 17th century, and he held two terms of office as Senior Dean. He was President of the Genetical Society of Great Britain from 1946 to 1949.

Ford's work was uniformly excellent, but some of the points in his papers stand out. For example, in collaboration with his father he described the effect of fluctuation in numbers on evolution in the Marsh Fritillary butterfly. He later showed that the success of the industrial melanic Peppered Moth was the result of physiological advantages as well as of the colour change.

He had the knack of selecting the right kind of material for a particular investigation – for example spot number in the Meadow Brown butterfly – and over many years he refined the technique of mark, release and recapture which helped greatly to estimate the force of selection in his populations.

In addition, his investigation of the pigments of Lepidoptera was one of the most successful early attempts at relating chemistry to classification.

Ford was also an eminent amateur archaeologist, and his papers contributed to the high quality of the work of the Prehistoric Society. He was also keenly interested in heraldry and, in 1974, with J. S. Haywood, produced *Church Treasures in the Oxford District*.

His versatility was immense, and he regarded the recent trends in genetics as lopsided.

Ford's books show the width of his interests. He wrote *Mendelism and Evolution*, *The Study of Heredity*, *Genetics for Medical Students*, *Butterflies*, *Moths*, *Ecological Genetics*, *Genetic Polymorphism*, *Genetics* and *Adaptation*, *Understanding Genetics* and *Taking Genetics into the Countryside*. He was still writing at the time of his death.

His books are characterised by the clarity of his prose. *Butterflies*, which was number one of the New Naturalist Series, particularly exemplifies this and it astonished Ford to find that he had written a best seller. The reason was that it provided the ordinary reader with an entirely fresh interest in the subject, opening up areas of research within the grasp of any intelligent collector, and skilfully blending pure natural history with genetics, ecology and chemistry.

Ford was an eccentric, alternately lovable and prickly, with a capacity to freeze those of whom he disapproved. Although a long-time colleague of Miriam Rothschild, he was strongly opposed to the admission of women to All Souls.

But he was a generous as well as a dedicated scholar. This was never better seen than in 1963. This was when the Nuffield Foundation gave to Liverpool University the extremely generous grant of £350,000 to establish a Unit of Medical Genetics. It is an open secret that via the foundation Ford himself made a handsome contribution to this endowment. He also made many other generous gifts to impecunious colleagues and students.

Ford had a most original mind and his breadth of knowledge and influence on the young were enormous.

He was unmarried.

MR E. W. F. TOMLIN

Mr Eric Walter Frederick Tomlin, CBE, who has died at the age of 74, was a writer of unusual distinction in both the literary and the philosophical fields.

Educated at Whitgift and Brasenose College, Oxford, he taught for a couple of years before joining the newly-formed British Council: a career that took him to Iraq, Turkey, France, and to Japan, for which he developed particular affection, writing three books about it.

His final spell of service with the Council, in Paris, won him high esteem among the French intelligentsia.

Tomlin's philosophical work led to several books. Prominent among them are *Living and Knowing* (1955), and a recent study of what he termed PN (psychic nutrition).

Besides monographs on some of those who had most influenced him, including R. G. Collingwood, Simone Weil and (above all) T. S. Eliot, of whom he wrote a personal memoir for publication in this the poet's centenary year, Tomlin edited volumes on Wyndham Lewis, Arnold Toynbee and Dickens. (He was president of the Dickens Fellowship for 1987-8).

He was also on the executive committee of the British branch of the International PEN.

His interest and enthusiasms were wide, reflecting a personality at once robust and fastidious. An effective (and witty) lecturer, and in his journalism combining rigour of argument with a limpid style, he could be a trenchant critic – though always an urbane and constructive one – of current intellectual fashions.

From his writing as a whole he emerged as an essentially religious man, of Anglo-Catholic persuasion. But his Christian beliefs were complemented by insight into those Eastern faiths on which he also wrote with knowledge and understanding.

He was maried twice. There was a son by the first marriage.

MR BILL FIELDHOUSE

Mr William (Bill) Fieldhouse, CBE, a former chairman of Letraset, died on January 16. He was 56.

He was born in County Durham on January 1, 1932. By hard work and attendance at he prepared himself for a career in the Merchant Navy, where he gained his master's certificate.

He then moved into engineering and textiles, and for the rest of his working life held a variety of marketing and general management positions.

He was therefore well-equipped to take the helm of the ailing firm, Letraset, when he became its general manager in 1969, and its chief executive a year later.

He strengthened management; introduced financial controls; and developed marketing policy. The results were quickly felt in substantial profits, and the Queen's Award for Industry for three consecutive years. Fieldhouse was appointed CBE for his services to export.

He was a man who knew his way around the City; he was also highly regarded for his negotiating ability, especially when it came to mergers.

In 1982 he received a reported £700,000 "golden handshake" (although he himself always refused to confirm the actual figure) for loss of office when Esselte, the Swedish group, took over Letraset. After leaving Letraset, he was, for a time, chairman of Carrington-Viyella, the textiles concern.

Bill Fieldhouse's major asset was his enthusiastic and generous nature. He was an member of the Bicester and Whaddon Chase and of the Meynell Hunt.

He was twice married and leaves a widow, Torunn, a son and daughter of the first marriage, and a son and daughter of the second.

MRS DORA STRATOU

Mrs Dora Stratou, who devoted her life to preserving the tradition of Greek folk dancing and songs, died on January 19. She was 85.

In 1952, fighting against the odds of official indifference and lack of funds, she founded the first professional-grade folk dance and song company in Greece. Their performances at the Philopapou Hill theatre, near the Acropolis, every summer, still delight thousands of Greeks and foreign visitors.

Born in Athens, in 1903, into a family of prominent right-wing politicians, at 19 she suffered a traumatic experience when her father, a cabinet minister, was shot by a firing squad, with five others who were blamed for the defeat of the Greek campaign in Asia Minor.

Penniless, she fled with her mother and younger brother to Germany, where they lived in conditions of great hardship.

From her maternal grandfather, the playwright Dimitrios Koromilas, she inherited a deep love of the theatre.

She returned to Greece in 1936 and worked closely with Karolos Koun, the stage director. During the Second World War and the German occupation, she ran soup kitchens for starving schoolchildren and students.

After the war, without government or other help, she set up the Society of Greek Folk Dances and Songs, which kept the tradition alive in her native land, and toured overseas.

Within Greece itself Dora Stratou travelled far and wide in search of authenticity, in the popular dances and songs, and in musical instruments, choreography, and the colourful regional costumes worn by the performers.

Her research enabled her to establish convincing evidence of a cultural continuity in Greek folklore over a span of more than 2,500 years.

She was twice married and twice divorced.

DR ISIDOR I. RABI

Lord Zuckerman, OM, writes:
Two aspects of the life of Professor I. I. Rabi (obituary, January 22) are significant in relation to the current debate about the future of higher education and science in the United Kingdom.

The first concerns the need to encourage first-class basic scientific research, even when it does not appear to have the remotest practical relevance. In 1929 Rabi was appointed to a lectureship in Columbia University on the understanding that he would introduce quantum mechanics into the physics in the curriculum.

The work that he and his students carried out during the ensuing ten years into the properties of atomic nuclei not only gained him the 1944 Nobel Prize for Physics but also opened up further fields of research of immense importance.

In 1958 the US Office of Naval Research commissioned a study to illustrate the importance of basic science by reference to the impact that Rabi had had on the development of the whole of physics.

Its conclusions were summarized graphically in a "tree" that pointed to various discoveries by other scholars that were either dependent on, or were stimulated by, Rabi's work.

Twenty of the scientists concerned also became Nobel laureates.

The second of Rabi's achievements that I believe has not received adequate notice is the part that he played in re-invigorating post-war European scientific co-operation.

Rabi was the guiding spirit behind President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" programme, responsible, in particular, for the creation of the European Centre for Nuclear Research.

For twenty years he was also the US delegate to the Nato science committee.

As the UK delegate for the first ten years after this committee's foundation in 1958, I can vouch for the fact that its considerable achievements in promoting basic science, not only in the member countries of the Western Alliance but in others that have been invited to participate, owe much to Rabi's initiative.

PETROS PALAEOLOGUS

Mr N. A. Palaeologus writes:
With reference to your obituary of my father (January 8), in which you correctly described him as the "self-styled Emperor and Autokrator of the Romans", I should point out, with the full support of *Debrett's*, that there was not an iota of truth in this claim, which caused great embarrassment to his family.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

So then, my brothers, set your heart on proclaiming God's message, but do not forbid the speaking in strange tongues. Everything must be done in a proper and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14: 39 and 40.

BIRTHS

AIKEN - On January 19th, to Debbie and Martin, a son, Richard Bruce.

BICKERSTETH - On January 19th, at R.U.H., Bath, to Sally and Mike, a son, Adam.

DAWSON - On January 18th 1988, to Sally and Oliver, a son, Guy Henry, a brother for Lucy, Jamie, Luke and Camilla.

FRENCH - On Saturday January 16th, at Cardiff, to Piers and Gillian, a son, Jon Rhys, a brother for Luke.

GRABINER - On January 19th, to Charlotte (née Tempest Radford) and Martin, a daughter, a sister for Leonora.

HANNAH - On January 18th, to Sharon (née Glen) and Donald, a son, Magnus Anthony Glen.

HODGSON - On January 14th, at Bangour Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Black) and Stuart, a daughter, Victoria Anne.

HUTCHINSON - On January 22nd 1988, to Laura (née Moorhead) and Thomas, a son.

KAVANAGH - On January 22nd, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, to Michele and Michael, a daughter, Katie Elizabeth.

LOWTHER - see Aked.

McSWEENEY - On January 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra (née Upton) and Roger, a son, Robert Edward, a brother for Jessica.

MITCHELL - On December 31st 1987, to Valerie (née Turner) and David, a son David William, a brother for Olwyn, Sarah and Alexander.

MORTIMORE - On January 20th, 1988, to Fiona and Simon a son, Edward Robert, a brother for Laura.

PAYNE - On January 18th 1988, to Linda (née Adamson) and Nicholas, a son Oliver Nicholas Pearrall.

PURCHASE - On January 20th, at Kingston Hospital to Janis (née Leach) and Richard a son Rhys Thomas George a brother for Guy.

SAGE - On December 16th, at Queen Charlotte Hospital, to Chrissie (née Hartley) and Howard, a daughter India Olivia Daisy, a sister for Charles.

SMITH - On January 15th 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Antrobus) and Clive, a daughter Harriet Jennifer.

STEWART - On January 16th, in Greenwich, to Teresa (née Henry) and Gordon, a son, Roland Valentine, a brother for Edmund.

WALSH - On January 19th 1988, at the Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot to Denise (née Salisbury) and David, a daughter, Holly.

WARD - On January 20th, to Lesley (née Kidd) and David a son Owen Christopher.

WHALE - On January 16th, at the Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Sherran (née Croucher) and Michael, a son Jack Edward Michael. First grandchild for Brenda, Vivian, Ted and Janet.

DEATHS

BRETT - On January 16th 1988, Charles Anthony, M.C., in his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Joyce, and once Captain 3rd Bn. The Connaught Rangers. Cremation has taken place.

DOWNS - On January 20th 1988, peacefully at home Mary Johan (Cis) widow of the late Daniel and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Requiem Mass 10 am Wednesday 27th January at Saint Joseph's Church New Malden, followed by interment at Kingston Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, SW19. All enquiries to Fredk. W Paine 01-942-1978.

GRAHAM-HARRISON - On January 19th, peacefully, at Woodlands, 14, Blackpenwood Road, N6, in her 86th year, Frederica Margo Cecilia, formerly USPG missionary in Zambia. Funeral Service at St. Michael's Church, Highgate, on Thursday January 28th at 2pm, followed by interment at Hampstead Cemetery. Flowers to Cooksey & Son, 190, Forth Green Road, Muswell Hill, N10 (01-883 4944).

HARDCASTLE - On January 19th 1988, at Burley, Hants, Félicité aged 85 years, daughter of the late Alfred and Therese Hardcastle. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service in Burley Church on Saturday February 6th at 3 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to Friends of Burley Church.

HEMSWORTH - On January 18th 1988, suddenly at her home Alison Mary Johnston, aged 80, a dear friend of many. Requiem Mass Friday 29th January, 12.15 pm, The Sacrid Heart Church, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth. Interment following on Wednesday, 3rd February, at 12.00 noon, at St.Anne's Church yard, Lowick, Nr Berwick Upon Tweed. Donations for the New Bournemouth Hospital Appeal, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge, Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

LAWSON - On January 22nd 1988, peacefully, Dr. Kathleen (Kay) Lawson, aged 81 years, of Reigate. Funeral service on Tuesday January 26th, 2.30pm, at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, near Gatwick. Family flowers only, if desired, donations to the Samaritans, Reigate.

MARKS - On January 21st, 1988, peacefully in hospital, Anthony Reginald Marks, aged 32 years, much loved son of Reginald and Phillis and friend and partner of Blair. Funeral service at Hove Cemetery Chapel on Wednesday 27th January at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Sargard and Sons Ltd, 90 Sackville Road, Hove, Sussex. A memorial service will be held in London later.

PAUL - On January 20th, Hugh beloved husband of Jean and much loved father of Carol, Susan, Denise and Elaine and loved by all his grandchildren. In accordance with his wishes no flowers or letters. Funeral private.

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SPENDER - On January 18th 1988, peacefully in a Salisbury hospital, Elsie Stanley Spender, aged 96 years. Funeral service on Tuesday 26th January, 4.30 pm at Salisbury Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o Will Case and Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury, SP2 7NH.

STEVENS - On January 20th 1988, at 'Trecarra', Truro, Cornwall after a full and satisfying life, Marjory Bruce (née Wilson) widow of Charles Cyril Stevens, late of Dartelwood, Ferring and Harrow, mother of Elizabeth, Faith, Rebecca of Kea, Truro, and Charles Bruce Stevens of Holt, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, Loving grandmother of Nina and Andrew Robertson and Katie and Claire Stevens. Funeral will take place on Tuesday 26th January 10.20 am in the Know Chapel and Penmount Crematorium, Truro. No flowers by request please. Enquiries to LJ Tregenna FD 0872 73668.

TARLETON - On January 19th 1988, in hospital, Doris Chester, of Holcombe Village, Holcombe, Dawlish, Devon, aged 83 years. Funeral service at St. George's Church, Holcombe on Friday 29th January at 11.30 am.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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Dated this 22rd day of January 1988
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Solicitors for the above named Company

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Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Stendhal (Marie Henri Beyle), novelist, Grenoble, 1783; Edouard Manet, painter, Paris, 1832; Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian nationalist, Cuttack, Orissa, 1897.

DEATHS: William Baffin, navigator, Persian Gulf, 1622; Willim Pitt the Younger, prime minister 1783-1801, 1804-06, London, 1806; John Field, composer, Moscow, 1837; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, London, 1844; Thomas Love Peacock, novelist, Lower Halliford, Middlesex, 1866; Charles Kingsley, writer, London, 1875; Gustave Doré, illustrator, Paris, 1883; Eugène Labiche, dramatist, Paris, 1888; Anna Pavlova, The Hague, 1931; Edvard Munch, painter, Oslo, 1944; Pierre Bonnard, painter, le Cannet, France, 1947; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, London 1956; Paul Robeson, Philadelphia, 1976.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect, baptized, London, 1664; William Congreve, dramatist, Bardsey, Yorkshire, 1670; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1749; Ernst Theodor Amadeus Hoffman, author and composer, Königsberg, Germany, 1776; Sir Edwin Chadwick, physician and social reformer, Longsight, Lancashire, 1800.

DEATHS: Lord Randolph Churchill, statesman, London, 1895; Ouida (Louise de la Ramée), novelist, Lucca, Italy, 1908; Amadeo Modigliani, painter and sculptor, Paris, 1920; Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister 1940-45, 1951-55, London, 1965.

Services tomorrow

Third Sunday after Epiphany

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa super Bella Amalfis, Amen (Lassus). Videntes stellam (Poulenc). The Archdeacon: 3.15 E. Responses (Leighton). Chevasse Service (Howells). Here is the little door (Howells): 6.30 United Service for Christian Unity. The Archbishop.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch. Missa Cantuariensis (Mozart). Very Rev J Southgate: 11.30 M. Britten in C. Responses (Aylward); 4 EP: 6.30 Epiphany Procession with Carols.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Responses (Smith): 10.30 M. Sumsion in G. St Bernard: 11.30 HC. Stanford in C & F. Great and Marvellous (Tomkins): 3.15 E. The St Paul's Service (Howells). Blessed City (Barstow). Rev P Bell.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M. Responses (Byrd), Britten in E. The Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz). Canon A Harvey: 11.40 S Euch. O quam gloriosus (Victoria): 5 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). Praise our Lord all ye Gentiles (Byrd). Rt Rev J Jukes: 5.55 Organ Recital: 6.30 ES. The Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Darke in F. Hear O my Lord (Whitlock). Very Rev D L Edwards: S E. Stanford in C. How we are ambassadors (Mendelssohn). How lovely are the messengers (Mendelssohn). Canon P Perrvarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM. Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina). Exultate to Dominae (Palestrina). O quam gaos (Lobo). 12, 5.30, 7 SM: 3.30 V & B. Magnificat secundi toni (Ingenus). Ave verum corpus (Elgar).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM, A Simple Mass, (Lotti). Cantate Domino (Pitoni). Ff M McVeigh.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes). Rev W Hopley.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 M. Festival (Williams). Here is the little door (Howells): 12.30 HC. The Chaplain.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 M & HC. O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons). O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Goss). Rev B G G Marshall.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC. Irish Guards. Rev P B Denton.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service. Coach F. Jeune.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP & Sermon. How lovely are the messengers (Mendelssohn). Rev F V A Bolton.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M. Windsor Service (Howells). Surge illuminare (Palestrina). The Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. From the rising of the sun (Howells). Benedictus (Stanford). Beatitudes in C. Walford-Davies in G Festal. Lo Star led Chiefs (Crotch). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 M. Stanford in C. Landate Dominum (Mozart). Rev M J Sinker.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Farrant in A minor. Exsultate Just (Viadana). The Chaplain: 3.30 E. O Lord the Maker (Joubert). Parry in D. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch and the installation of Eric Vince. Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Simile est Regnum Coelorum (Victoria). Here is the little door (Howells). Rev J A Cullen: 6 E & B. Sumsion in A. The Three Kings (Cornelius). Rev W H Taylor.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev I Bentley: 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M. Preb C E L Thompson; 6 E. Preb C E L Thompson.
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GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch. Le Roy Kyrie (Taverner). Western Wind Mass (Taverner): Surge illuminare (Byrd).

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (15622); 10.30 MP (Quasi Service). Preb J T C B Collins: 6.30 Guest Service. Rev J A K Millar.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP. Rev M Baker.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 SM. Spatzenmesse (Mozart). Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (Piccolo). Preb J B Oakeley: 6.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11 M & Euch, Stanford in C. Canon J Oates: 6.30 E. Responses (Rose). Ireland in F. I praise thee O Lord my God (Mendelssohn). Rev W Boulton.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Burton in F. Ave verum Corpus (Elgar). Fr Bill: 6 E & B.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 8 LM: 10.30 M: 11 HM, Fr D White.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish C. 6.30 E.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Mozart in D. The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley). The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev O C Taylor: 6.30 EP. Rev P J Galloway.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev M Bunker: 6.30 EP. Rev G Rowlandson.
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ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch, Rev P Murphy: 6.30 Evening worship. Rev O Thomas.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Monteverdi). Rev Andrew Walker: 6.30 E, Rev Andrew Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 MP & HC. Teach me O Lord (Byrd). Rev S A Wallace: 6.30 E. Teach me O Lord (Attwood). Rev M Butchers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11.9 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd). Beati estis (Handl). Rev C Rigby.

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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (16622); 9.45 Euch, Mr N Berwouden; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service (EP). Rev K Lin; 6.30 E; 6.30 EP.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Pear parus est, jevo nobis (Guerrero). Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons). O sacrum convivium (Croce). Canon M Richards: 6.15 E & B.
ST MARY'S, Caldocan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass. St John the Baptist (Turner). Tu Rex Gloriae (Gounod): 12.15, Mar G Tancred: 6.30 Canon M Richards.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC. Ogeisdomenee (Mozart). Jubilate Deo (Lassus). Rev D Head: 6.30 Rev C H Cooke.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 HC. Rev N Taylor: 7.30 Ev. Rev J Crossley.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis in F (Mozart). Lord grant grace (Gibbons). Canon D Rhymes.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Millnet Street, SW3: 8, 12.30 HC; 11 MP, Williams in G. How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms). Preb J Pearce: 6.30 E. Dyson in F. Rev A Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Palestrina). Cantate Domino (Hasler). Fr C Colven: 6 E & B. Fr G Morgan.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa secunda (Hassler). Veni Creator Spiritus (Reger); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11. Confirmation. Rev W A Carins: 6.30 Rev J H Burns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K G Hughes.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Thomae arme (Binchois). Verbum Caro (Sheppard).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart). Laetentur coeli (Hassler).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 HM, Missa Ut Re Mi Fa Sol (Mozart). Emitte pacem nignum (Guerrero): 12.30, 4.30,

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Monday 25 Jan 7.30 pm — BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Pierre Boulez (conductor) Benjamin Pelléas by the Flat Horizon, Boulez Le Visage nuptial Parts 1, 2, 4 & 5 (revised version - world premiere), Messiaen Chronochromie, Schoenberg Variations. Pre-concert talk 6.15 pm Waterloo Room free by concert ticket. £11 £8 £6 £3.50 £2. BBC

Tuesday 26 Jan 7.30 pm — THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Zubin Mehta (conductor) Schubert Symphony No 8, Shostakovich Symphony No 5. £15 £10.50, £7.50 £5.50 £2.50. London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

Wednesday 27 Jan 6.55 pm — GEORGES ROBERT (organ) Le Maître Mystique Series. Messiaen La Nativité du Seigneur. All seats £2. Students, OAP's £1.50 £1.50. The South Bank Board

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Thursday 28 Jan 7.30 pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Witold Rowicki (conductor) Jorge Bolet (piano) NEC International Series Weber Oberon, Oberon; Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 3, Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5. £20 £15.50 £12, £9 £7 £5.50, £4. RPO

Friday 29 Jan 7.30 pm — THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Edward Downes (cond) Jonathan Snowden (flute) Hartwest Bank Classics for Pleasure Series. Prokofiev Symphony No. 1 (Classical), Flute Concerto (Soloist in D arch. by Christopher Palmer, 1st perf), Lieutenant Kije, War & Peace Suite (1st perf). All seats £4.75. (Choir £2) Lon. Phil Enterprises Ltd

Saturday 30 Jan 7.30 pm — PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA and CHORUS Yevgeny Svetlanov (conductor) Alfreda Hodgson (contralto) Glinka Ovt. Ruslan and Ludmilla, Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 1 (Winter Daydreams), Prokofiev Alexander Nevsky. £14 £11.50, £10, £9 £7.50, £6, £5, £3.50. Philharmonia Ltd

Sunday 31 Jan 3.15 pm — SHURA CHERKASSKY (piano) J.S. Lully Suite de Pieces, Scriabin Carnaval Op. 9, Franck Prelude, choral et fugue (1884), J. Hofmann Humoreske, Chopin Nocturne in C minor Op. 48 No. 1, Barcarolle in F sharp Op. 60, Scherzo No. 2 in B flat minor Op. 31. £10, £9 £7.50, £6, £5 £4 £3. Ibbs & Tillett Ltd

Sunday 31 Jan 7.30 pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Witold Rowicki (conductor) Julian Lloyd Webber (cello) NEC International Series. Haydn Cello Concerto in C, Bruckner Symphony No. 7. £20 £15.50, £12, £9 £7, £5.50, £4. RPO Ltd

Tuesday 2 Feb 7.30 pm — In the gracious presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. SCARLET AND GOLD Massed Bands of the Guards Division. A programme of military and light classical music. £12 £10, £8, £6, £5, £4. In aid of the Guards Museum Appeal

Wednesday 3 Feb 5.55 pm — LOUIS THIRY (organ) Le Maître Mystique Series. Messiaen Les corps glorieux. All seats £4. Students, OAP's £2.50 £1.50. The South Bank Board

Wednesday 3 Feb 7.30 pm — BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Gianluigi Gelmetti (conductor) Rossini Ovt. Signor Bruschino, Ovt. Italian Girl in Algiers, Sergio Rendine Hermes (British premiere), Ravel Lo tombeau de Couperin, Bolero, Debussy Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune. Pre-concert talk. Waterloo Room 6.15 pm. £11 £8 £5, £3.50, £2. BBC

Thursday 4 Feb 6.30 pm — THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC The Glyndebourne Chorus Simon Rattle (conductor) Gershwin Porgy and Bess, concert performance of Glyndebourne Festival Opera production. Soloists include Willard White as Porgy and Cynthia Haymon as Bess. All seats sold. Returns only. London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

Friday 5 Feb 7.30 pm — THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Edward Downes (cond) Jonathan Snowden (flute) The Hartwest Bank Classics for Pleasure Series. Prokofiev Symphony No. 1 (Class-cal) Flute Concerto (Sonata in D arch by Christopher Palmer), Lieutenant Kije, War & Peace Suite. All seats £4.75 (Choir £2) London Philharmonic Ent Ltd

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Saturday 23 Jan 7.15 pm — HENDON HIGHLIGHTS 88 Hendon Band of the Salvation Army Stephen Cobb (bandmaster) Kettering Band, Dranski Manning (bandmaster) International Staff Songsters, Lt. Col. Norman Bearcroft, Philip Smith (of comedy Evelyn Glennie (timp-pany) Brass & vocal items from the Salvation Army music repertoire. RETURNS ONLY. HSSA

Sunday 24 Jan 7.45 pm — THE MOZART BIRTHDAY CONCERT Gabrieli String Quartet Jack Bryner (clarinet) Christian Blackshaw (piano) Mozart String Quartet in D minor K. 421, Clarinet Quintet in A K.581, Divertimento in B flat K.16c, Piano Quartet in G minor K.478. £6 £4.50, £3 (only) London Society of Chamber Music

Monday 25 Jan 7.45 pm — LOUIS KENTNER MEMORIAL CONCERT Royal College of Music String Ens. Menuhin School Pupils. Sir Yehudi Menuhin (conven) Sir Georg Solti (cond) Jeremy Menuhin (pno) Vns by Lisa & Beethoven, Kentner String Quartet. Divertimento (1st perf) £20, £15, £10, £5 in aid of Musicians Benevolent Fund. Harold Holt Ltd

Tuesday 26 Jan 1.10 pm — TWO BY TWO Howard Shelley on a lunchtime piano recital. Chopin Sonata in B flat minor Op. 35, Debussy Images (Book II), Chopin Impromptu in F sharp Op. 36, Scherzo in B minor Op. 39. All seats £3. Students/OAP's £1.50 £1.50. Inclusive lunchtime package £6.75 South Bank Board/Intermusica Artists' Man

Tuesday 26 Jan 7.45 pm — THE ITALIAN INSPIRATION: I English Chamber Orchestra, Tallis Chamber Choir Raymond Leppard (cond) Ann Murray, (mezz) David Rendall, (tenor) duets, madrigals by Monteverdi & Cavalli, Cesti Dances from Il pomo d'oro, Cavalli Salve Regina. Canzona a 10. £9.50, £8.50 £4.50. ECO & Music Society

Wednesday 27 Jan 7.45 pm — THE ITALIAN INSPIRATION: II English Chamber Orchestra Raymond Leppard (cond) Sarah Walker (mezz-sop) William Bennett, Kate Hill (flutes) Cimarosa Ovt. I traci amanti Conc in G for 2 flutes; Pergolesi Cantata Orfeo, Haydn Conc in G for 2 flutes, Handel 5 Neapolitan Songs. £8.50, £6.50, £4.50. ECO & Music Society

Thursday 28 Jan 7.45 pm — LONDON SINFONIETTA 20TH SEASON Diego Masson (cond) Adrienne Csengery (sop) Christopher van Kampen (cel) Ligeti Chamber Concerto, Kurtag Aldis Jozsef Fragments, Abrahamsen Lied in Fall (prem), Webern Concerto Op. 24, Kurtag Messages of the Late Miss R. V. Troussova. £9, £7 £5, £2 (only). Sinfonietta Prods

Friday 29 Jan 7.45 pm — THE KING'S SINGERS (20th Anniversary Season) Towards the New World From the Pagan Fathers to Paul Simon to include the London premiere of Scenes in America Deserta by John McCabe. £10, £7.50, £6.50 £5.50 (only). Gillian Newson Associates Ltd

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Tuesday 2 Feb 1.10 pm — TWO BY TWO Pina Tarenzi in a lunchtime piano recital. Chopin Ballades Nos. 1 and 2, Debussy Images Children's, Chopin Ballades Nos. 3 and 4. Please note change of programme. All seats £3 inclusive lunchtime package £6.75. Students-OAP's-UB40 £1.50. SBB-Intermusica Artists' Management

Wednesday 3 Feb 7.45 pm — THE ITALIAN INSPIRATION: III English Chamber Orchestra Raymond Leppard (cond) Arleen Auger (sop) Boccherini Symphony in D, Op 12 1, Donizetti Duetto di guerra' arioso, Stabat Eccomi in lesta vesta ... O quanto volte, two Rossini arias, Cherubini Symphony in D. £8.50, £6.50 £4.50. ECO & Music Society

Thursday 4 Feb 6.00 pm — PEGASUS Richard Crossland (conductor) Bach Jesu, meine Freude, Bassois Acordes moy, Bel acuel. All seats £2. Pegasus

Thursday 4 Feb 7.45 pm — LONDON SINFONIETTA 20TH SEASON David Atherton (cond) Felicity Palmer (mezzo-sop) John Tomlinson (bass) Britten Prelude and Fugue, Bartók Divertimento, Shostakovich Symphony No. 14. £9, £7, £5, £4 £2. Sinfonietta Productions Ltd

Friday 5 Feb 7.45 pm — CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA Richard Hickox (cond) Dame Janet Baker (mezzo-sop) Steven Isserlis (cello) Handel Messiah, Goosa Suite, Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1, Ravel Elegy Op. 24, Berlioz Les nuits d'été. £5 (only). City of London Sinfonia Ltd

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Monday 25 Jan 6.00 pm — NATIONAL TRUST LECTURE SERIES 1988 Beatrix Potter: artist, storyteller and countrywoman. An illustrated lecture by Judy Taylor. RETURNS ONLY. The National Trust

Monday 25 Jan 8.00 pm — FROM AUSTRALIA WITH TWO PIANOS Penelope Thwaites and John Lavender Prog incl Margaret Sutherland Pavan, Canonical Piece, Thwaites/Reed A Lambeth Garland (1st perf), Benjamin From San Domingo: Jamaicalypso, Bartók Mikrokosmos for 2 pianos (first prem) with by Williamson, Gadsby. £4.50, £3.50, £2.50 P. Thwaites/M. Lunn

Tuesday 26 Jan 7.30 pm — THE AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET Haydn Quartet in D Op. 71 No. 2, Ravel String Quartet in F, Dan Banks Four Pieces for string quartet, Dvorak String Quartet Op 96 (American). £4 £3, £2. Australian Concert Co. Ltd

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Friday 29 Jan 7.30 pm — SHIVA NOVA The Eurasian New Music Group Nanak Shah Poems of Tagore No 2, Ravel Chansons madecasses, Justin Connolly Weka, Reich Pulse, Palmist Shiva Nova 1 (1st part), plus North Indian classical music for sitar & tabla and vln by Tara Talwalkar. £3.50. Students/OAPs/UB40 £2.50. Print Palmist

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Sunday 24 Jan 7.30 pm	ORCHESTRA KAMERALNA. Damian Falkowski director Anthony Marwood, Stephanie Gonley violins. JS Bach: Concerto for 3 violins, Elgar: Introduction & Allegro, Holst: St Paul's Suite: Grieg's 2 Elegiac Melodies, Dvorak: Nocturne. £6, £5, £3 50
Monday 25 Jan 1 pm	THE AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET MARIE-NOELLE KENDALL piano. Elgar: Piano Quartet in A minor Op 84, Beethoven: Quartet in E flat Op 127. £4, £3, £2 (concessions £2) United Concerts Co Ltd
Tuesday 26 Jan 7.30 pm	WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON. Australian Bicentenary celebration concert. Rob Wilson director/violin. Edward Beckett flute. JS Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Suite No 2 for flute and strings: Elgar: Serenade, Vivaldi: The Four Seasons. £6, £5, £4 (concessions £4)
Wednesday 27 Jan 7.30 pm	ORCHESTRA OF ST. JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE. THOMAS DICKINSON piano. Conductor John Lubbock. Handel: Suite in F from 'Watermusic', Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Mozart: Piano Concerto No 12 in A K.414, Haydn: Symphony No 68. £6, £4 50, £3 (concessions £2) Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Thursday 28 Jan 7.30 pm	THE CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Daniel Hill director Palestrina: Ecce Sacerdos Deo, Super flumina Babylonis; Dubois: Domine, Missa Papae Marcelli. Music by the Mexican baroque composer Juan Gutierrez de Padilla. £2 £6, £5 £4. Magenta Music/English Voices
Friday 29 Jan 7.30 pm	GERRIT ZITTERBART piano. Beethoven: Sonata in D minor Op 31 No 2, Stockhausen: Klavierstuck IX (1961), Beethoven: Sonata in C Op 53, Schubert: Sonata in A D959. £6, £4 £3 50, £3. John Higham International Artists Ltd

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Sunday 24 Jan 11.30 am	THE PURCELL QUARTET. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Corelli: Trio Sonatas Op 4 No 3, Op 4 No 8, Op 2 No 7, Vivaldi: Trio Sonatas in G minor 'Lund' and B flat. Variations on 'La Folia'. £3 inc. prog & coffee/sherry on Rosslyn barrel perf
Sunday 24 Jan NB: starting time: 4 pm	JULIAN BREAM guitar Robert de Visée: Suite in A, J.S Bach: Sonata No 1 in C minor, BWV1001, Giulio Regondi: Introduction et Caprice Op 23, Richard Rodney Bennett: Guitar Sonata, Lutoslawski: Polish Folk Melodies. ALL SEATS SOLD. Elizabeth Thomas-croft-Smith/Harold Holt Ltd.
Monday 25 Jan 7.30 pm	ELIZABETH TURNBULL viola CHRISTINE CROSHAW piano. Kaczwara: Sonata in C (1780), Bantock: Sonata in F (1919), Brahms: 2 Songs with viola (with Catherine Denley mezzo soprano); Schubert: Sonata in A minor D821 'Arpeggione'. £5, £4, £3, £2 50. T Sisskind
Tuesday 26 Jan 7.30 pm	JIM WALKER bassoon/NANCY RUFFER flute/SUSAN JONES harpsichord/ PHILIPPA harpsichord. Music by Stockhausen, Wuorinen (1st London perf), Gabaye (1st British perf), Jolivet, Spohr, Vivaldi; Sonatas by Bach & Devienne. £5, £4, £3, £2 50. Presented by Grapevine in conjunction with Upbeat Mgt.
Wednesday 27 Jan 7.30 pm	ENDELLION STRING QUARTET/SUSAN TOMES piano/CHI-CHI NWANOKU double bass. Chamber Music Series. Mozart: Piano Quartet in G minor K.478, Frank Bridge: 3 lyrics; Schubert: Piano Quintet in A D667 'The Trout'. £8, £5, £4, £3. Goddard Concert Trust
Thursday 28 Jan 7.30 pm	OFRA HARNOY cello/MICHAEL DUSSEK piano. Bach: Suite in C BWV1009; Schubert: Sonata in A minor D821 'Arpeggione', Fauré: Capriccio; Falla: Spanish Dance from 'La Vida Breve', Brahms: Sonata in F Op 99. £5, £4, £3, £2 50. John Higham International Artists
Friday 29 Jan 7.30 pm	ALAN GRAVILL piano. Beethoven: Sonata in C minor Op. 13 'Pathetique'; Debussy: Children's Corner Suite, Images Book 1; Chopin: 2 Waltzes, Scherzo in B flat minor Op. 31, Ravel: Sonatine. £5, £4, £3, £2 50
Saturday 30 Jan 7.30 pm	THE KING'S CONSORT/GILLIAN FISHER sop/C. STEELE-PERKINS nat. trmpt. E. Hi. & Bar. Bar. C. Mackintosh vln/R. Klug dir. chamb org, Handel: Trumpet Sons, Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in A, Nuts in mundo. Vocalists' music by Purcell & Telemann; Scarlatti: Cantata for trmpt & sop. £7 50, £6, £4 50, £3
Sunday 31 Jan 11.30 am	PASCAL ROGE piano. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Bach: Chorale, 2 Preludes & Fugues; Beethoven: 3 Bagatelles, inc. Fur Elise; Stravinsky: Six Easy Pieces for Four Hands (with Pascal Roge's 8 year old daughter); Poulenc: 2 Improvisations, 2 Novelettes. £3 inc. prog & coffee/sherry or squash after perf
Monday 1 Feb 7.30 pm	TRULS OTTERBECH MORK cello. HAKON AUSTBO piano. Ingvar Lindholm: Quatro Pezzi (1959); Franck: Sonata in A, Schumann: Adagio & Allegro in A flat Op. 70; Debussy: Sonata in D minor (1915); Stravinsky: Suite Italienne. £5, £4, £3, £2 50. Basil Douglas Artists Mgt
Tuesday 2 Feb 7.30 pm	ST JAMES'S BAROQUE PLAYERS. IVOR BOULTON director/LISA BEZNOSIUK flute. Early Music & Baroque Series. The Age of Enlightenment. Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik, K525, Flute Concerto in D K314; CPE Bach: 3 Symphonies for 12 obbligato instruments Wq183/1, 2, 3. £4 (concessions £2 50). Early Music Network
Wednesday 3 Feb 7.30 pm	FRANÇOIS LE ROUX baritone. JEFF COHEN piano. Songs by Reynaldo Hahn, Duparc, Caplet, Debussy & Ravel. £6, £5. All others sold
Thursday 4 Feb 7.30 pm	DIVERTIMENTI. Kreisler: String Quartet in A minor (1922); Schoenberg: Verklärte Nacht Op. 4; Mozart: String Quintet in G minor, K516. £5, £4, £3, £2 50
Friday 5 Feb 7.30 pm	GABRIELI CONSORT & PLAYERS. PAUL McCREESH director. Early Music & Baroque Series. Schütz: Musicalische Exequien Op. 7. Motets by Schein, Scheidt & Praetorius. A Prog of sublime sacred music with 14 voices & orchestra accompaniment. All seats £5 (concessions £2 50)

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THE NEW GRAND TOURISTS

Travel, Chesterton said, narrows the mind. For three centuries young men and – later – women have been proving him wrong, as Pearson Phillips reports

A young English public schoolboy hauls a trailer full of gas bottles round a French camp site for £90 a week. A 19-year-old girl teaches English in Japan before coming home to train as an accountant. A Cambridge architectural student takes time off in mid-course to travel round India surveying sites of historic interest. A young man takes a year off before university to sample a Chilean ski resort.

It used to be called the Grand Tour. Every young man "of good birth and fortune" was supposed to finish his education by doing one. It involved a leisurely amble round the capitals of Europe, with a tutor in tow. The benefits were mixed. The 18-year-old Lord Chesterfield spent his trip in "gallantry and gaming". James Boswell cheekily called on Voltaire and Rousseau, and ended up singing "Hearts of Oak" to the Corsican peasantry. Women and men of lesser birth stayed at home.

Educations are still being rounded off by travelling, but no longer do you have to be a gilded youth to do it. Student travel is a growth industry. A world-wide network of job opportunities allows the impecunious young to help finance their journeying, and specialists advise them on cut-price travel. The timing, too, has changed. The old Grand Tourists *mostly travelled after university* and before taking up whatever occupation they were destined for. Most university graduates today are too concerned about getting a job as soon as possible to absent themselves from the market. So most "years out" are taken between school and university, or during vacations, before career pressures have built up.

Why do it at all? The purpose of the old Grand Tour was to give isolated English Philistines a taste of European art and culture, in an age before museums and art galleries made all that available at home. And while they were at it they might also pick up a few pieces for the stately pile in the Shires.

The young now have museums and culture heaped on them from the *Fifth Form onwards*. Many have made school visits to the Louvre or Venice. Few will now be found, in Chesterfield's phrase, "transmuting themselves into manhood" in the polite circles of Paris, Rome or Antwerp (unless they happen to be transmuting themselves into womanhood as *au pairs*). What interests them is the Planet Earth and its people, particularly those at the lower end of the survival struggle. They will show respectful attention to ruins but it is the "now" rather than the "then" which seems to draw them. So they will be found discussing freedom with the young of Poland, working on a Chinese collective farm, or heading for the wilder, remoter corners of the earth where the principal problem is mere survival.

To cater for their wanderlust, the whole world has been thrown open. There is no longer a recognized, well-trodden path, although there are some favourite destinations. It is a multi-coloured, confusing picture. Some people take a whole year off and circumnavigate the globe with the help of a cheap "round-the-world" air ticket. Others make short trips to one favoured area, mixing some voluntary work with travel. Among the most ingenious are those who manage to finance months of exotic, far-flung travel with some carefully planned seasonal work.



Back at home after globetrotting: (from the left) Laurence Robinson, Emma Adams, Simon Travis, Julian Bromley, Rebecca Mead and Melanie Hewison

John Rogers

How is it done? The old Grand Tourists were given letters of introduction to the great families of Europe. Accompanied, often, by a retinue of servants, and armed with bills of exchange, they travelled by coach from one grand household to another. They were sometimes away for three years.

Today's Grand Tourists are *rarely financed by parental largesse*. But they have the comforting support of their International Student Identity Card, offering massive savings in travel as well as cheap entry to the world's museums, art galleries, theatres and cinemas. There is also a Student Discount Scheme offering such things as a free Whopper Sandwich at Burger King restaurants in New York or a 25 per cent saving on scooter rental in Rome.

Apart from occasional travel scholarships, the most common way of finding the cash is to earn it. Some students start the summer with the grand title of "*montage assistant*". This means someone who puts up tents on European camping holiday sites. They then carry on as general dogsbodies before taking them down again. Then it is time to head for the grape-picking, or the apple harvest in Denmark, until the ski resorts are ready for *couriers or chalet hands*. By April, if they have been careful, they will have amassed enough to head for India, taking jobs such as running nursery schools before exploring the country by bus and train.

Julian Bromley of Adlington, Cheshire, now reading estate management at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, is one of the more organized examples. On the day his school term ended he set off for Salzburg, Austria, which happens to be the home of his grandmother. This family contact got him a job as a tourist guide at Hellbrunn Palace outside the city until October. Back in London he worked for two months with a firm of chartered surveyors, before

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returning to Austria as a ski instructor. Then, in April, back to London for two more months with the surveyors.

After that the major excursion, a tour of South America, began. He had been planning it for 18 months. A letter in *The Times* correspondence columns alerted him to the existence of the British Latin-American Society. He made contact, revealed his travel plans, and after two lunches at the In and Out Club he was awarded a £500 scholarship. He flew to São Paulo, Brazil, went up the Amazon, across to Peru, among the Inca ruins in the Andes, down to Chile, further south to the Argentinian lakes, north to Buenos Aires and finally back to São Paulo for the return home. "It was like 25 years of holiday in one," he says, unconsciously echoing Boswell, who felt, after travelling through Italy, that he had "all Plutarch's lives in my head".

If Julian's trip sounds hazardous, let us not forget the dangers attached to the old Grand Tour. Plague areas had to be avoided. There were bandits to be contended with. Mountain passes had to be traversed in order to get to the beauties of Italy. Those who ventured too far afield ran the risk of being kidnapped and held for ransom or sold into slavery by pirates.

There are occasional hazards on the European road today, as Simon Travis, of Brighton, found out. While hitching to pick grapes in Bordeaux, a lorry driver drove off with his luggage and his tent while his back was turned. He had to go home.

Travelling by "Inter Rail", a ticket offering unlimited rail travel through 21 European countries for £139, avoids the perils of hitching. But when Simon and his girlfriend, Melanie Hewison, tried that during a break from his *geography studies at Sussex* University, they found out that it had its disadvantages, too... "Our problem was lack of planning and misleading timetables," he says. "We spent a lot of time too exhausted and hungry to do anything but flop on a beach.

"We did spend two days in Rome, but the trip mostly turned out to be a Grand Tour of European railway stations."

Far more satisfactory was their next excursion, to Turkey, a destination much favoured for its welcome and its cheapness. They met a Turk on their flight to Istanbul who insisted they stay with him in the capital for a week.

"Penetrating below the surface... getting to know the people..." Those are the two most quoted travel aims. Family friends in Thailand, godparents in Khartoum, long-forgotten cousins in Australia, all suddenly become remembered. Another way is to start a visit by taking part in some organized work project. It breaks the ice of a visit and helps the traveller to get culturally acclimatized.

Rebecca Mead, now reading English at University College, Oxford, went to Poland on one of the Central Bureau's English teaching schemes after leaving Weymouth Grammar School. "We provided an English environment for a picked group of Polish students, who were mostly privileged children from academic families. Apart from the classes and organized games, we spent a lot of time sitting up until the small hours putting the world to rights."

Some of the new Grand Tourists manage to combine pleasure with study – as well as making a *useful contribution to other countries*. During her course at Cambridge, Emma Adams, who is now an architect, made two trips to *India to do work connected with* her subject. She spent two months touring the country by bus and train. "Getting used to things *during that first month of working* made the travelling much easier." She has been back to work for the Indian National Trust, helping to conserve parts of old Bombay.

Conservation offers a variety of foreign jobs, including restoring the habitat of penguins in Australia, repairing an aqueduct in the French Alps and monitoring giant clams in Tonga.

For some, though, nothing less *than the complete round-the-world* circuit will do. On leaving Oxford Polytechnic, Laurence Robinson bought a Qantas-TWA round ticket costing about £1,000, which gave him a year to do the trip by scheduled flights with stop-offs. (Some London agents offer similar tickets for as little as £800, particularly for the North Pacific route missing out Australia.) He explored India, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand, speeding home via Hawaii and New York. "My best times were in the remotest places, rice-growing mountain regions in the Philippines, or among nomadic tribes in the north-east Thai borderlands. In those places you are no longer a tourist. You are part of their world, eating dog meat, sharing their lives, experiencing someone else's existence."

The trip is enshrined in diaries and a collection of photographs. What else did he get out of it all? "It gives you first-hand knowledge of the place you live in. I now know where I stand on the Earth."

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While in Britain it has been *snowing in the* Alps it has been a frustrating week with the weather teetering on the brink of switching out of the pattern that has starved the ski resorts of snow for the last month. At best this has produced locally heavy snow, at worst a warm *dry wind.*

While the general picture is improving, some resorts, notably on the southern side of the western end of the Alps (eg Isola 2000, Cervinia, Saas Fee and Sestrière), have done much better. As for the coming week, there is increasing evidence of a real shift which will bring the prolonged snowfall that is needed.

SKI EVENTS

ITALY

Sestrière: The Volvo Ski Show, Jan 30.
Madonna Di Campiglio: World Junior Alpine Skiing, Jan 24-31.

AUSTRIA

Mayrhofen: Freestyle Ski Show, Jan 27. Regional Cross-Country Championships, Jan 30.

SWITZERLAND

St Moritz, Cresta: the Marsden Cup, Jan 27. (traditional toboggans). 4th Audi On-Snow Polo World Cup, Jan 29-31. Skeleton Bob World Cup, Jan 30-31.
Saas Fee: Swiss Women's National Skiing Championships, Jan 31-Feb 6.
Verbier: Jan 31 start of "The Grand Defi 88", a ski touring "rally" finishing at Les Arcs on Feb 6.

FRANCE

Chamonix: Men's World Cup Downhill, Jan 30. The 24-hour ice driving contest, Jan 29-31.
Tignes: Les *masters de la* glisse, Jan 30-31. 10th dog sled championship, Jan 30-31.
Morzine: Men's World Cup *Giant Slalom*, Jan 31.
Avoriaz: Le Grand Pavois d'Avoriaz, Jan 23-30. Films, lectures and exhibition about sailing with Eric Tabarly and others.
Courchevel 1550: Snow Surf Race, Jan 31.
La Clusaz: Aerial Ballet Festival, Jan 30-31. Hang gliding, parapente, parachuting, hot air balloons.

Peter Hankey

Roll up for a bargain



Get your skates on for a cut-price holiday: waltzing among palms on the Venice boardwalk, the cheapest show in Los Angles

With the fall of the dollar, holidays in the United States are great value this year. Alex McWhirter gives a guide to the cheapest air fares and package deals

With the fall of the dollar, having a holiday in the United States is cheaper than ever. And if you fly before the end of March you can get a better deal because the next couple of months are classified as off-peak, when the airlines pare their fares to the bone.

The popular APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) fares start at £336 to New York for midweek flights (Monday to Thursday inclusive) and £386 at the weekend Friday to Sunday inclusive). Other examples include: Miami £399-£499, Chicago £419-£469 and Los Angeles/San Francisco/Seattle £469-£519.

Return Latesaver fares include: New York/Washington £386, Miami £499 and Los Angeles/San Francisco £519.

All the big airlines such as British Airways, TWA, Pan Am and BCal sell APEX and Latesaver. The smaller airlines can offer better deals. Virgin Atlantic's APEX fare to New York costs from £298; Miami is cheaper still at £258. Virgin's Latesaver rate (book within seven days of travel) is even better value at £238 return for both New York and Miami – more than £100 cheaper than the competition.

Another good deal is Air India's bucket shop return fare to New York at around £275. It is available only through discount travel agents, not from the airline, and carries few restrictions.

Northwest Airlines is offering a return fare of £198 on its Gatwick-Boston service, travelling out on any Friday between now and February 26 and returning within 120 days.

The specialist tour operator American Airplan is adding more low-cost charter flights to New York from Gatwick, Manchester and Belfast throughout the summer. Early season flights from Gatwick cost £185, or £189 return.

For those planning to visit several destinations on America's East Coast, Piedmont's multi-stop ticket costs less than some airlines charge to reach a single destination. Less than £400 buys a midweek APEX fare on Piedmont's daily Gatwick/Charlotte NC flights plus what's known as the Charlotte Airpass.

Both tickets allow visits to four additional destinations. This means you could cover Miami, New Orleans, Boston and Montreal for the same price as the bigger carriers charge for an APEX fare to Miami alone. Other destinations on Piedmont's network range from Montreal to Miami.

Within the USA, Pan Am and TWA are again offering cut-price flight deals this winter. Pan Am charges £38 a flight and TWA £40. These rates apply to any domestic flight including coast-to-coast services. Both airlines offer optional low-cost sidetrips from the mainland to Hawaii and the Caribbean.

For more extensive travel, America West Airlines, whose network centres on Phoenix, Arizona, offers 30 days' freedom of its numerous coast-to-coast routes for a mere £139 (a full 60 days costs £169).

Continental Airlines is marketing a selection of weekend American Breaks through its tour subsidiary. Some of the breaks cost less than the APEX fare, even though they include accommodation. They are valid between Thursday and Monday for stays of two, three or four nights. Flights and a two-night stay at the New York Hilton cost £339 a person; the BA APEX fare alone costs £336.

New York packages based on tourist-class hotels, such as the Edison or Century Paramount, cost £199 for two nights and £259 for four nights.

For Orlando, Florida, the gateway for Disney World, Continental Airlines Tours charges £299 a person for three nights at the good standard Comfort Inn. On the West Coast, the Hyatt Wiltshire, Los Angeles, is offered at £339 a person for two nights and £369 for four nights.

Piedmont 0800-777333; BA 01-897 4000; Virgin Atlantic 0293-38222; Continental Tours 0293-776979; Northwest 01-629 5353; America West 01-839 9381; TWA 01-439 0707; Pan Am 01-409 0688; American Airplan 0932 231422.

Alex McWhirter is travel editor of Business Traveller.

A storm takes off

TRAVEL NEWS

Charter Airlines is to lobby the Government against proposals which could mean some of its flights being moved from the heavily used Gatwick airport to make room for scheduled services.

Britannia, the largest charter operator, has warned that the Government's apparent preference for scheduled services at Gatwick could lead to half-empty 30-seat aircraft being given preference over full 273-seat charter flights.

● **American Express reports that, aided by a weaker dollar, transatlantic holiday bookings since Christmas are running 70 per cent up on last year.**

Double discount

Lunn Poly has doubled its discount on most main operators' long-haul holidays for bookings made before February 29. And it is cutting the price of holidays of 14 nights or more by £60 and asking customers for a deposit of only £5 – provided they buy Lunn Poly's own insurance policy.

● *Northwest Airline's proposed cut-price senior citizen fares to the US have been rejected by the UK Civil Aviation Authority on the grounds that they would "discriminate" against the under-60s.*

Highland fling

A new programme of low-cost ski breaks has been launched by Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club near Balmoral and about half-an-hour's drive from the slopes at Glenshee and the Lecht.

Craigendarroch also has its own floodlit dry ski slope. The b&b rate for ski-ers is £19.75 until February 28 and then £24.75 up to March 24. Self-catering packages are also available. Information on 0338 55858.

● **The introduction of charter flights on a number of routes from the UK to Scandinavia will help to bring down holiday prices this year. Scanscape Holidays is offering three-night breaks in Stockholm reduced from £263 to £187 and one-week holidays at Balestrand in the Norweign Fjord area at £299, compared with £345 last year. Information: 01-251 2500.**

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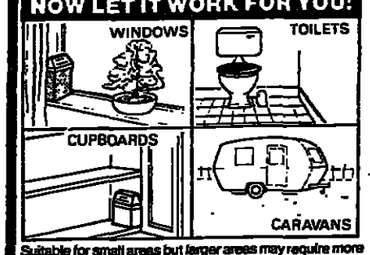
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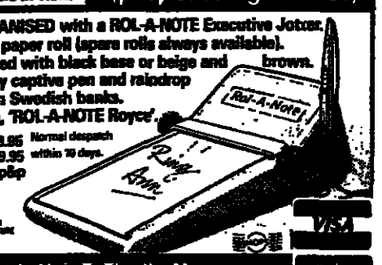
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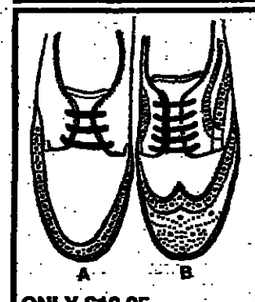
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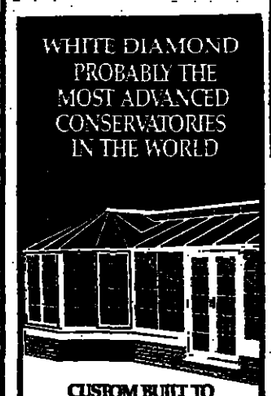
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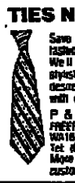
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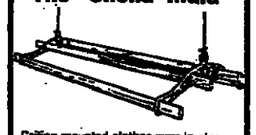
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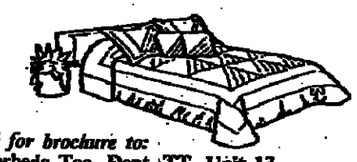
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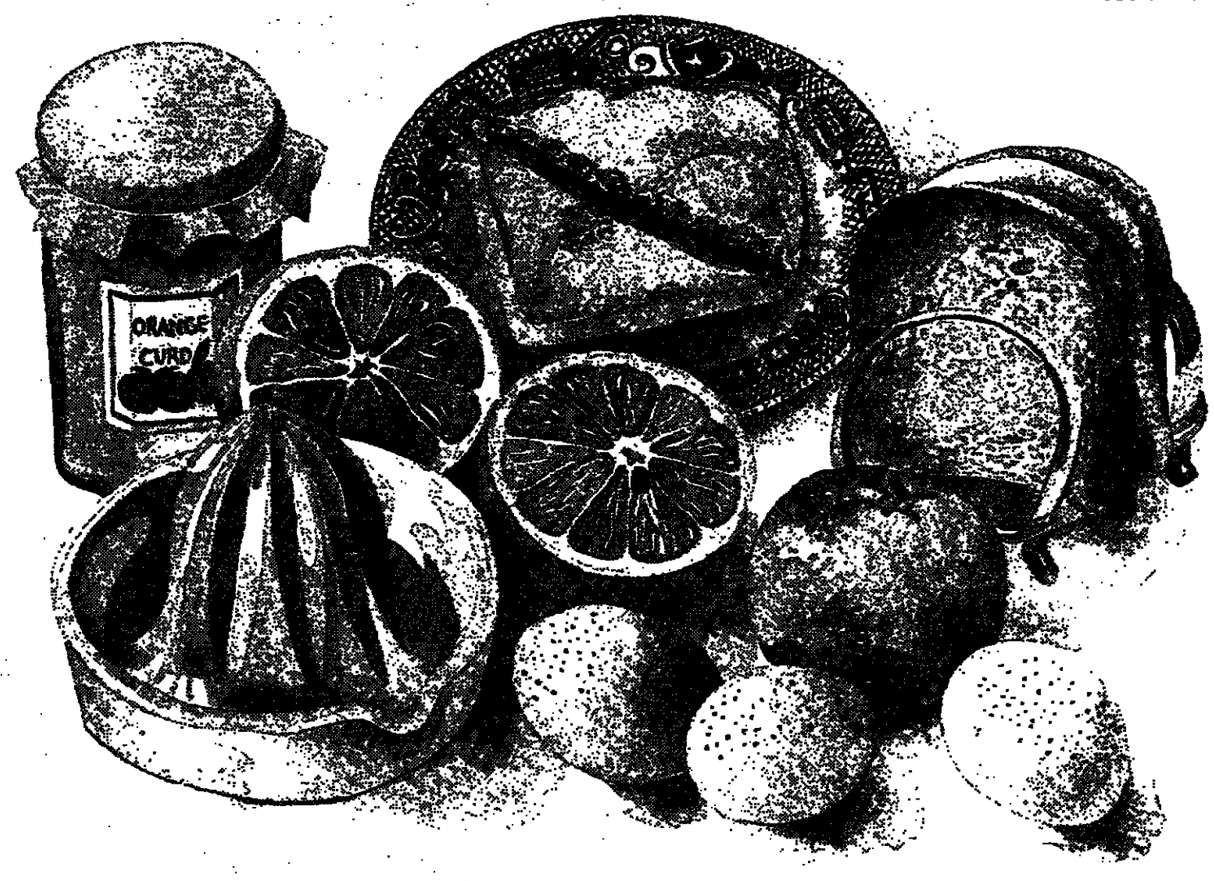
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THE TIMES COOK

Making a meal of breakfast

Diana Leadbetter



Forget the cornflakes and try smoked haddock, curried lambs' kidneys, orange curd and even a gentle buck's fizz, suggests Frances Bissell

A traditional English breakfast is one of the most difficult meals to prepare because so many cooking operations are required; grilling the sausages which need to be started long before the bacon. And do you grill or fry the mushrooms and tomatoes?

Then there is the bread to be fried, toasted or best of all "dipped", that is cooked in the frying pan in which the mushrooms and tomatoes were done so that the bread mops up the juices. Finally the eggs have to be boiled, poached or fried. No wonder a full breakfast is a meal for special occasions, those long lazy weekends that you might treat yourself to once in a while.

But breakfast need not be traditional. Here are some new ideas for the meal, which will also be delicious at supper or lunch and do not require the skills of a short-order cook.

The world divides at the breakfast table into jam lovers and marmalade connoisseurs. I'm a bread and jam person myself. Toast and marmalade are the wrong texture and flavour at that time of the morning. I want to be eased gently into the day, not rudely awakened by sharp crunches and tart bitterness on the palate.

So why did I not write and explain all this to the reader near Wallingford who wrote asking me for a marmalade recipe, if possible one just using apple juice as a sweetener instead of sugar? Why didn't I say that I don't do marmalade? Oh no. Out came the pan, the oranges, the lemons. I even had a bottle of apple juice.

A veil is best drawn over the results of my wasted afternoon. Matters took a turn for the worse when the damp little muslin parcel containing the seeds and pith was mistaken later in the day for a plump little ravioli by my husband Tom and almost eaten.

Now I am left with a couple of pots of thick, opaque gunge that I shall have to use in various disguises. Happily, I have plenty of recipe ideas for failed marmalade. The easiest is an ice-cream made by stirring cream into runny marmalade and freezing it. For a healthier version, use yoghurt or creamed tofu. Or try a couple of spoonfuls of marmalade stirred into a basic soufflé. And for a very low alcohol buck's fizz to serve at a lazy late weekend breakfast, put a couple of tablespoons of marmalade, a quantity of orange juice, a few drops of orange-flower water and a miniature of Grand Marnier or Cointreau in the blender and switch on. Pour the resulting mixture into a large glass jug and top up with sparkling mineral water.

Of course, what drives me to this folly every year is the sudden appearance of all those lovely citrus fruits from southern Europe, the lemons from Sicily and Cyprus, and the big juicy oranges from Valencia, as well as the fiercely orangey Seville oranges.

A good creamy curd is my answer to the marmalade brigade. Delicious for breakfast and also as a filling in sponge cakes, it keeps reasonably well. I pot it in small jars to give as presents too.

The following recipe works equally well with lemon, lime or grapefruit, although the latter will not have quite the same intensity of flavour.

Seville orange curd
(makes 2lbs/0.9kgs)

- 6 Seville oranges with good skins
- 4 size 3 eggs plus 2 extra yolks
- ½lb/230g unsalted butter, cut into small cubes
- ¾lb/340g sugar

Grate the zest and squeeze the juice from the oranges into a bowl. Lightly beat in the eggs and add the butter and sugar. Set the bowl over a saucepan of hot water (or cook in a double boiler), and keep the water hot but not boiling.

Stir from time to time until the sugar has dissolved. Then heat gently, stirring continuously until the mixture thickens. This will take 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the heat. Pour into small, clean, dry jars and cover immediately. Label and store in a cool place and use within four to six weeks.

HADDOCK and spinach is a delicious combination in pies, in roulades and in this dish which has an airy soufflé topping. It can be baked in a large dish, or the mixture divided among individual oven-proof dishes.

I often use frozen spinach for this recipe. It is economical and tastes almost as good as the real thing. Buy finnan haddock or undyed smoked haddock for the best flavour. Poach it in milk in a frying pan or roasting tin covered with foil. Keep the cooking liquid for the soufflé mix.

Smoked haddock and spinach
(serves 4 to 6)

- 1lb/455g cooked smoked haddock
- ½oz/15g softened butter
- 1lb/455g cooked, well drained spinach
- 4 to 6 eggs

Soufflé topping

- 1oz/30g butter
- 1oz/30g flour
- ¼ pint/280 mls warm milk used for poaching the fish
- 3 eggs

Take the smoked haddock and carefully remove any bones. Butter an oven-proof dish or dishes and arrange the spinach on the bottom. Make 4 or 6 depressions in the spinach and carefully slide an egg into each. Arrange the smoked haddock on top.

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in the flour and cook for three or four minutes. Then gradually add the milk, stirring all the time to stop any lumps from forming. When all the milk has been added, let the sauce cook for another few minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat.

Separate the eggs. Beat the egg yolks into the sauce. Whisk the egg whites until firm and carefully fold into the sauce. Spread the mixture over the smoked haddock, making sure that it touches the edges. Bake in the top half of a pre-heated oven, gas mark 5, 190ºC/375ºF for 10 to 15 minutes until the top is risen and golden. The eggs inside should be just lightly set.

THE following dish has a fine Edwardian ring to it, the kind of food you might find in a silver chafing dish on the sideboard when you come downstairs to a country house breakfast. It is also quick and cheap. Serve it on toast for a snack or with plain boiled rice.

Curried lambs' kidneys
(serves 2 as a main course, 4 as a snack)

Sauce

- 1 small onion or 2 shallots
- ½oz/15g butter
- 1 teaspoon good curry powder
- 1 teaspoon flour
- 1/8 pint/75 mls stock, milk water or beer
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1 tablespoon mango chutney

Kidneys

- 6 lambs' kidneys
- ½oz/15g butter or tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon good curry powder
- parsley to garnish

Peel and finely chop the onion or shallots, and fry gently in butter until golden brown. Stir in the curry powder, and cook for a minute or two before stirring in the flour. Gradually add the liquid and stir continuously until you have a smooth sauce. Cook on a low heat for 10 minutes, then add the mustard and chutney.

While the sauce is cooking, remove the fat and outer skin from the kidneys and split each in two, also removing the core. Heat the butter or oil in another frying pan. Put the flour and curry powder in a paper bag and shake the kidneys in it to coat them with seasoned flour.

Fry them gently until cooked to the degree you prefer. I cook them for about 5 minutes or less as I like them pink. Serve on toast or rice with some of the sauce and parsley for garnish.

DRINK

The true master of wine

Baron Philippe de Rothschild's death this week marks the end of a wine era. There can be few wine men in the Médoc's history who have nursed 65 consecutive vintages from one property into bottle and none, that I know of, at the first growth level.

Arguably, no-one saw so many changes or achieved so much during his allotted wine span as Baron Philippe. He took over from his father at Château Mouton-Rothschild in 1922 when he was just 20 years old. At that stage, Mouton was still a second growth, and a run-down and much neglected one at that.

The first step the Baron took towards Mouton's recovery, so he told me three years ago, was to hire a new bailiff, the next to build a grand new wine cellar. Slowly "the big wreck", as the Baron described Mouton, was steadily and stylishly saved.

Château Mouton-Rothschild's well-established first growth neighbours, especially his Rothschild cousins at Lafite, no doubt tried to ignore the young and flamboyant Médoc newcomer. But the revolutionary decision taken by the Baron in 1924, just two years after he arrived at Mouton, to bottle the entire 1924 vintage (and all those since), shocked the complacent Bordeaux wine men.

Until then, a substantial proportion of the leading châteaux wines had been bottled by English merchants who, like the Bordelais, were furious at the Baron's decision. Château bottling was not only a better guarantee of quality but it kept all the power and more of the money in French hands. Other châteaux swiftly followed the Baron's lead — and not just in France

If the Bordelais were shocked by château bottling, they must have been incensed by the Baron's next move to ask a leading artist of the day to design a colourful new Mouton label every year. The results — by Chagall, Picasso, Dali and, my own favourite, the 1964 vintage drawn by Henry Moore — have been spectacular. Today, eye-catching wine labels illustrated by artists are commonplace in the wine world.



Label from a 1924 bottle of Château Mouton-Rothschild

Baron Philippe's greatest wine coup was, without doubt, his half-century struggle to elevate Mouton to what he, and others in France, felt was its rightful place as a first growth. "It was," he told me in 1984, "only a family feud which stopped Mouton from being a first. . . since 1934 its selling price was the same as the other firsts." The wine's elevation took place in June 1973.

Now, given Mouton-Rothschild's high profile and distinctive style, it is easy to forget that the Baron owned two other Médoc properties, the fifth growth Château Clerc-Milon and another fifth growth renamed Château Mouton-Baronne-Philippe after the late Baroness Pauline, his artistic American wife, whose influence is still felt at Mouton, especially in the stylish museum which she built with him and attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Mouton-Cadet, the Baron's blended Bordeaux red and white, is today a leading international wine, whose sales and profits may well surpass those of *le grand vin*. Try the '85 Mouton-Cadet red, a great improvement on previous vintages, whose youthful, vibrant blackcurranty fruit I enjoyed (Oddbins £4.49, Sainsbury's £4.75), plus his carefully vinified range of generics, whose white '86 Graves enjoys an attractive light, fresh, leafy-flowery style (selected branches of Augustus Barnett); or the scented '85 St Emilion with its well-made chocolatey palate (selected branches of Augustus Barnett £6.95).

The Baron's final first was Opus One, an impressive Bordeaux-inspired but California-produced wine, made with Robert Mondavi of California. Baroness Philippine, the Baron's capable and dynamic daughter from his first marriage, succeeds him at Mouton. Her father's unconventional behaviour may not have gone down well in the Médoc — by his own admission in his curious autobiography he was "mischievous, unharnessed, wicked" — but his contribution to Bordeaux, the Bordelais and the wine world was unmatched.

Jane MacQuitty

GARDENING

The kindest cut

Careful pruning to remove dead wood on fruit trees will do wonders for this year's crop, writes Francesca Greenoak

Despite the dismal weather, it is still possible to get out into the garden between the showers. Apples and pears can be pruned from now until their buds begin to break, so any bright spell (provided it is not frosty) can be enjoyed.

If the trees are young and in good health, the only tool required is a pair of sharp secateurs, but older trees with dead or cankered wood call for loppers and a curved pruning saw to ensure a clean cut.

In most varieties of apple and all pears, the objective is to establish a number of short pruned-back shoots which grow spur-like along the main branches and carry the fruit. It is important not to cut off these spurs or you will lose most of next year's fruit.

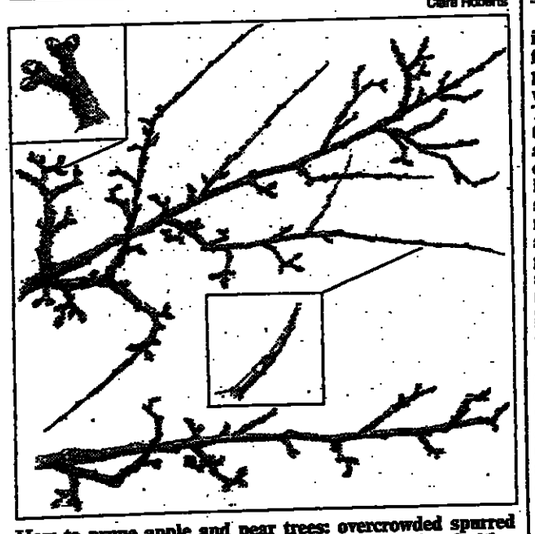
What you do is trim back the summer growth so three or four buds remain, the end one on the twig pointing away from the tree. Cut on a slant slightly above the bud.

A number of apple cultivars bear their fruit mostly or partly on the tips of spurs and branches. These include Worcester Pearmain, Discovery, Bramley's Seedling and Irish Peach, and should have only the longest, strongest side shoots cut back to five or six buds.

At the end of the branch itself, the leading shoot can be trimmed by a quarter to a third of the last season's growth which is light in colour and more bendy than mature wood. Cut to a bud which points in the direction you want it to grow. With trees which are growing very strongly (a Bramley, or Blenheim Orange for example) merely tip the ends or leave until the summer when pruning will check growth rather than encourage it.

Watch how it grows and see where the best fruit forms and experiment with different kinds of pruning. Even if you don't intend text-book surgery, you should carefully examine your trees because cutting out slightly damaged or diseased parts now can avoid the need for most drastic treatment later.

Clare Roberts



How to prune apple and pear trees: overcrowded spurred branches before and after pruning. This simplifies fruiting spurs and aids cropping. Inset top is a close-up of flower buds and the centre inset shows a detail of unwanted growth

Little craters in the bark with dead centres indicate canker. Infected twigs and small branches should be completely removed and larger branches pared back with a sharp knife until clean, white wood is exposed.

Small blisters or cracked patches on the young wood are signs of common scab and shoots or spurs in this condition should be removed. Finally, stand back and take a look at the branch structure within each tree and take out crossed and congested branches.

It has become more or less obligatory to give fruit trees a winter tar-oil wash to rid them of aphid and apple sucker eggs overwintering in bark crevices. Unfortunately, the wash also kills their predators and is at least partly responsible for intensifying some pest problems.

This task demands a windless day and even then grass beneath must be covered to protect it from drips of wash (gloves, mask etc., are essential for the operator).

There are more congenial ways of dealing with pests and as the years pass, I have become less insistent on the ritual drench. I like the lichens (not tar-oil resistant) on my oldest apple tree and firmly believe that attending a fruit garden should be a pleasure.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Keep off your lawn if it is waterlogged, even though it may have grown during the last few mild weeks. Your weight will compact the ground which is bad for growth.
- Use a plank to spread your weight when you have to stand on the soil in order to lift root vegetables and leeks.
- Hard prune clematis which produce flowers on new wood such as Ville de Lyon, Ernest Markham and Gipsy Queen.
- Clean the glass in cloches and garden frames if they are not yet in use.

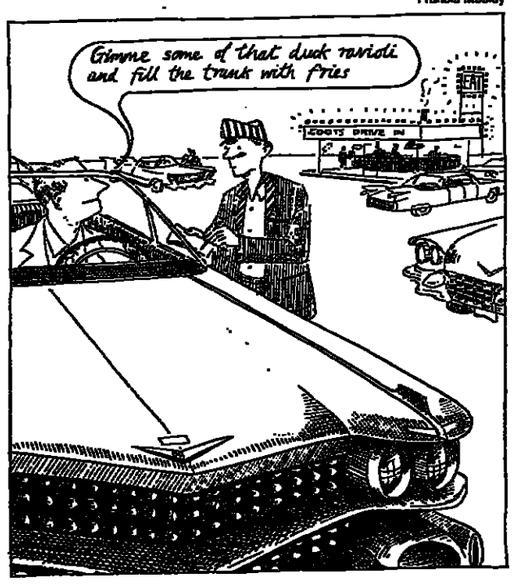
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EATING OUT

Plate with no frontiers

Californian-style restaurants are set to sweep London, but Jonathan Meades resents the fad's hollow gimmickry

Francis Mosley



The menu at *Zoot* in Walton Street offers dishes that are Javanese, Cajun, Japanese, Moroccan, Italian, Chinese — that lot should be a clue to the place's nationality, and so should the name.

A zoot suit was an American item of the Forties and godfather to the drape jacket and peg-top strides worn by our very own Teds in the Fifties. The restaurant which honours the apparel is, then, American, and the sort of promiscuous eclecticism it goes in for has been the rage in California for some years. It has more recently spread to New York and now looks as though it is going to sweep London — that at least is what the handful of recently opened representative places in this city must be hoping for.

The main (and considerable) obstacle to the success of this fashion is the objection that there are specifically Japanese restaurants, Italian ones, Chinese ones and so on, at which you can get "proper" Japanese cooking or whatever.

This, I believe, rather misses the point: the point is that the Californian kitchen borrows and adapts rather than seeks to reproduce dishes authentically. So they aren't really Javanese, Cajun etc; they are called that, sure, but they are put through a mill which, while it doesn't render the world's kitchens homogeneous, does impose on them a stylistic kinship.

This colonization would be regrettable if it jeopardized the existence of any of its dominion kitchens, but I suspect that is not the case — the whole movement (if one can thus grace it) is so faddy and patently built on foundations of hot air that within a few years it will almost certainly have vanished.

California is, remember, world leader in ephemera production. It also produces some of the finest wines in the world — a fact that is strangely unrecognized by Zoot whose boorishly unannotated list is predominantly French, predominantly pricey. The food is not cheap either, and when you look around you it's quite apparent why. A fortune has been spent on the interior or, depending on taste, mis-spent.

The fireless gimmickry and catholicism of the menu is aped by the décor which is unwittingly comic. An entire side of the place is made of galvanized aluminium which looks like corrugated iron — it looks preposterous; otherwise there are a handsome bar, marble-effect tables, a vaguely *moderne* ceiling, a generous helping of black and a hint of high-tech.

The menu cards are caff-like and inform you that a 15 per cent service charge "may" be added to the bill. They might as well write "will" be added, because add it they do. The service is actually pretty smart and endlessly obliging. And the cooking? Well, there are some bright ideas and there are some duff ideas.

The trouble, ultimately, with this novelty cooking is that it has no standards — it lacks the proscriptions and limitations which are a part of any worthwhile tradition. A dish of duck ravioli, for instance, combined dreary pasta with a complicated sauce which included some unmistakably Indian spices; some monkfish and scallops with a delightful lemon butter sauce were served on a hemisphere of tortilla — why?

Something called Moroccan lamb had no relationship to any known Moroccan dish — which doesn't much matter; but it was also pretty disagreeable, a bald creation of three cutlets coated in a crust of scalding and curiously dead spices.

Some grilled tuna was much better and the sweets, pecan pie and chocolate tart, were splendid. With cocktails and a bottle of Gevrey Chambertin (about £26) the bill, including the service charge, was £122. Even with a less grand wine (probably a less delicious one too) the bill is unlikely to be much less than £90.

Eating at the *Tokyo Brasserie* in South Kensington is like eating in some sort of nightclub. (I believe Hell will turn out to be a nightclub.) It is dark — predominantly midnight blue; it is loud — horrible ear-assaulting jungle disco music and other uncongenial forms of pop.

The bit that isn't dark is a neon legend saying "Tokyo Sushi" — the point of this is to blind those unfortunate enough to sit facing it. The cooking makes Zoot's seem a model of restraint. I would have thought that Japanese cooking was well enough established in London not to need the sort of American mitigation it receives here.

One wonders not merely who can have thought up some of the wackier dishes but *why* they thought them up. A dish such as "Blue Coral" hints that there's someone in the kitchen who's playing with a nine man team.

The dish comprises chicken marinaded in a cocktail of items including coconut milk, blue Curacao, soy; in the cooking curry powder and coriander are added. It is alarming, though not blue. It is, rather, deepest Mekon green and looks like something that has been dredged from a very deep, very still, very weedy pond; its flavour was like that of some sort of additive happy potato crisp and the aftertaste was disturbing.

The sticks of barbecued lamb are a poor idea of another sort — apart from being nearly raw (which is *not* the same thing as "pink"), the lumps are far too large to eat with chopsticks. And a mixed eppanyaki, ie grilled salmon, prawns, steak and chicken was overcooked and served with a lethal amount of ginger.

The service is gormless. Against all this, on the credit side, were the lightly poached beef "sashimi", served cold with the soy and radish which usually accompany raw fish; some steamed dumplings which owed more to Canton than to Tokyo; a sweet of honey ice cream and mango.

With one vodka and tonic and three cups of green tea, the bill for two was £45. Should you drink wine, which seems inappropriate with even adulterated Japanese cooking, you'll probably spend between £60 and £65.

Zoot: 1 Walton Street SW3 (01-583 3591/2) 12noon-2.30pm and 7-11.30pm Mon to Sat. Closed Sun.
Tokyo Brasserie: 73 Old Brompton Road SW7 (01-584 4323) 12noon-3pm and 6-11.45pm everyday.

THE ARTS

Soft soap, soft shoe

I should have loved to have been a fly on the wall at the script conference at which it was decided to send Fallon Colby heavenward in a UFO at the climax of the doomed *Dynasty* spin-off, *The Colbys*. Even more instructive would have been the meeting at which the writer sat down to consider how the hell to get out of that mess in the new series of *Dynasty* (BBC1).

They chose diversionary tactics. While the whole of the rest of the dramatis personae were facing death in full

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evening dress, Fallon's doggedly devoted husband discovered her crumpled in an unexplained heap somewhere in a desert in southern California. Among the seige, the shootings, the mile-high honeymoon in a private jet and the rescue of Alexis from drowning by a muscle-bound mystery man, this little *non sequitur* passed unnoticed.

This is a period of crisis among soaps all over the world. This series of *Dynasty* comes from producers who acknowledge that they have lost their dominance in the US ratings; there is a mood of tough cynicism in the average American viewer. No longer a vast, sheeplike mass, the audience is wandering away from the major networks and straying towards alternatives — smaller stations, video, satellite, cable, conversation, sport and perhaps even family relationships. Something similar has begun in Britain, spearheaded by Channel 4 and the video revolution.

Such problems never bothered Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Irving Berlin or George Gershwin, whose Broadway hits needed only to run one season to reasonable houses to be considered successful. As Arena's *The Great White Way* (BBC2) pointed out, such a show would be called a failure today.

This was a documentary in the genre which Arena's overlords, Nigel Finch and Anthony Wall, created — the exploration of a cultural phenomenon by image and association. The images were stunning if sometimes familiar — the vastness of the Roseland Ballroom, steaming subway vents in the ratted tarmac of Times Square, two hard-faced teenage tapdancers busking in front of a giant red hoarding for *42nd Street*. Since Broadway began as an Isdian trail, a native American in buckskins strolled inland from the grey waters of New York harbour and then handed over the narration to the columnist Jimmy Breslin.

Jerry Leiber looked back to when the Brill Building was an enchanted hit factory crammed with songwriters humming "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "River Deep Mountain High". But the programme was most successful not as an excursion into show business but as a capsule of the immigrant experience.

Celia Brayfield

The reflective Dame of the English novel tells **Bryan Appleyard** of her hopes and fears for its future

Iris Murdoch as she is writ

Human life is too short. Iris Murdoch is 68. When at home in Oxford, she writes from 7.30 to 12.30 every morning. In the afternoon she answers letters, cleans the house or shops. She writes again from 4.30 to 8 in the evening. Lunch with friends, travelling or, as on this occasion, an interview in London and a trip to the Oxford Street sales provide interruptions. But she has more or less kept up the writing routine daily for 40 years. It has resulted in 23 published novels, several plays and a quantity of philosophy. Nevertheless, she still feels she has barely scratched the surface.

"If one lived to be two or three hundred I could learn a great many languages as well," she says, sitting at the head of a table in a meeting room at Penguin Books.

"I'd like to be a painter and I'd like to understand philosophy, which I'm just beginning to now. It's rather late in the day . . ."

Her Oxford speech — a slight smile, lips barely moving and voice delivered from a long way back in the throat — the round, elvish face and the colourful, highly-patterned clothes are permanent features of the literary landscape. That is Iris Murdoch.

But the mind and the imagination are not so easily summarized. The books are there, but where do they come from?

"Well, I don't portray people I know or any incidents in my life," she says, trying to be helpful, as she has tried many times before. "I'm interested only in inventing. There's always plenty happening every day and all sorts of things to think about — mostly people but also trees, animals and politics. There are moral problems, philosophy, religion — there's no shortage of material for making a story."

She adds: "I don't do much research now. I check things that need to be checked, but I don't have any sort of travel writer's instinct. I don't want to find exotic scenes and then write about them. Sometimes I have to ask an expert — if it's anything to do with firearms I can ask my husband. He's tremendously interested in the techniques of warfare and in guns. Anything from triremes to the latest jet aircraft."

Scenes taken directly from life, she feels, are dead. Only trivialities go straight on to her page. She guesses, for example, if she was sitting on the Tube and somebody sat opposite her with a cat on their lap, she would probably use that. But the real point is that her novels are big, all-encompassing products of her imagination. They are intended as vast, open spaces in which anything she can imagine, however alien to her own experience, can occur. Above all, they are intended to be in the tradition of Tolstoy, Dickens, Proust and Henry James, in which all the characters have the depth and freedom of real people. Neither the author nor the narrator is allowed a monopoly of power.

"It is always a danger for the novelist to write a book about himself. It's like a James Bond story. The hero has his faults, but he's always successful, clever, brave and sexually attractive. This is the sort of thing Freud thought art was about — glorifying yourself, finding security by expanding into this space outside you. It's very dangerous. It brings all life into a single focus, peripheral characters become cardboard figures or victims of the hero. The great, traditional novels have a scattering of power among the characters."

Graham Wood



Iris Murdoch: "In 50 or 100 years' time there may be no books. One hopes the novel will fight for its own life"

This is why she thinks her later novels are best. They are all huge — 500 pages plus — and they have "more substance, more thoughts". Nowadays she only rates highly *The Bell* among her earliest work, and she is filled with gloom if anybody says their favourite is her very successful first, *Under the Net*.

"It makes me feel my career has been one long decline. It's a childish book. I have a little affection for it, I suppose."

Apart from her friends A. S. Byatt and Kingsley Amis, she reads little contemporary fiction herself, preferring to return to the classics. Even so she is delighted with what appears to be a revival of fiction writing and reading. In the long term, however, she is worried.

"In 50 or 100 years' time there may be no books. One hopes the novel will continue and will fight for its own life. But a novel turned into a television play or even read out on the radio is not a novel. A novel is a book between covers which somebody sits and reads — it is a private activity.

"It could cease for all sorts of reasons. People are demoralized by television. I think a habit of television is very bad, it stops people from reading and wastes their time. Reading is to do with language and good novels keep the language alive. They make people realize there are such things as sentences, tenses, paragraphs, punctuation and so on, and this is all part of thought. Thinking is using language precisely. In non-verbal art forms there are all sorts of other kinds of thinking. But the central thinking of the human animal is words. Understanding the whole question of truth is at stake here . . ."

Her worry about the future of language means that she supports Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, in his evident concern for the traditional teaching of English.

"Teaching children clear, accurate and precise English is the most important training we can give them. It helps them to think and to distinguish truth and falsehood; looking at a lot of television pictures is no substitute for that.

"I'm frightened about the future and children growing up in a computer and television world. I think it's very important people should learn to write like that . . ." she mimes writing with a pen, ". . . and they should learn to like their handwriting, I like mine. I know children in America who can type but can't write. I think we can see the result already — it's happening in newspapers, people are sloppier about grammar, about composing decent sentences. You also get people exalting the idea of dialect, saying there is no such thing as standard English."

Her fears for the future extend further than that. Not only is writing under threat, but also the two disciplines which she regards as essential for society — philosophy and theology.

"I think they are both immensely important and I think it's tragic to see that Newcastle University has abolished its philosophy department. A university without a philosophy department is absolutely maimed. Every age thinks it's in crisis, but I do think we have a real crisis now. We could have a terrible planet with terrible societies on it. We should be thinking about philosophy and theology and how Christianity is to survive.

Protestant theologians, she says, should "work hard at demythologizing Christianity. I think that I am a Christian. I don't believe in God, I don't believe in the Resurrection, I don't believe that Christ was a divine figure, I don't believe in an afterlife — all the paraphernalia of Christianity — but these seem to me to be external, dispensable aspects of Christianity. Buddhism doesn't bother with who Buddha was — they just know that there was this great image of good and evil."

In fact Murdoch herself almost became a Buddhist at one period; she studied and learned meditation. But then she decided that, as a European, "if we are going to be saved, we must be saved by Christ, not Buddha". She left the Anglican Church at 18 when she became a Marxist, a phase that lasted about 10 years; now, 50 years later, she would like to take communion again.

But Iris Murdoch is not a collection of attitudes; she is an artist whose obsessions — handwriting, big novels and Christianity — are all connected. They reflect her conviction that people must not be reduced, nor must they turn away from the absolutes which have always formed the background of human life. Her enemies are word processors ("wonderful for business but no good for art"), tight, crystalline, first person novels, existentialism and analytical philosophy. All, to her, belittle the essential scale and mystery of the human soul, a reductive process in which we seem all too willing to be implicated.

But she must return to Oxford. Penguin people fuss over her as she retrieves the green overcoat and woolly hat; she had dropped them both on the floor without thinking as she came in. Wearing them, she looks like a benign, rural gnome.

Interviews, like human life, are too short. They are, in any case, distractions from her work, like the 24th novel that must be attended to — "God will retire me from writing in due course one way or another. But I would certainly never stop of my own will."

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● *Penguin has just re-issued the following Iris Murdoch novels in paperback:* The Red and the Green, The Time of the Angels, The Nice and the Good, Henry and Cato, A Severed Head *and* A World Child.

Still some fine tuning needed at Radio 3

What will be the impact of the new Radio 3 schedules, asks **Paul Griffiths**

John Drummond has bided his time before making any fundamental change to Radio 3 schedules: now, suddenly, the knife has been disclosed. *This Week's Composer*, fixed at five past nine in the morning throughout most of recorded time, has been pulled back a full half-hour. And that is not all. The 8.35 programmes of one week are to be repeated at 11pm in the following week, so that this week's composer can also be next week's composer or alternatively last week's composer, depending on how one listens. This, as Drummond points out, will help us all to know where we are.

But a more serious change affects Saturday morning, where *Record Review* has been extended to fill three hours, keeping the hallowed comparative recommendations and other reviews, but including more tasting of new releases and more chat. This has been billed as enhancing a service that has, by Radio 3 standards, a large audience.

But what has been less loudly advertised is the scrapping of the Monday afternoon programme *New Records*, so that now there is less, not more, scheduled opportunity for listeners to hear what has recently been issued. Of course, more people can listen on Saturday mornings than can on Monday afternoons, but if the leisurely scanning of new recordings is thought to be an important service (which it surely is) and if it is popular, then it seems odd to curtail it.

The third area of greatest alteration is the early weekday evening, where there is now a regular half-hour programme devoted to some "special interest", followed at 7.05pm by a 25-minute interview or discussion. As far as the former slots are concerned, it is obviously right that passions like the guitar or the organ should be given the opportunity of regular indulgence, though it cannot be fair to deal with "traditional music" (which can mean anything from Ecuadorian panpiping to Macedonian epic song on the evidence of the first two programmes) in the same way as brass banding. Apart from occasional projects like the concerts of Asian and African music relayed from the Queen Elizabeth Hall last summer, Radio 3 has for a long time been too closed to musical cultures outside the European: some parallel is needed to the happily continuing *Music in Our Time*.

As for the 7.05 talk slots, these are obviously going to have to settle down. The opening one, an interview with Neil Macgregor, scored heavily on the platitude scale and revealed nothing surprising about what his policy will be at the National Gallery. All too easily the chance could be lost for anything more than extended *Kaleidoscope* items: much will depend on the presenters' ability to avoid the foam of interview for the real substance of discussion, since nothing less will do at this generous length.

Also, while one welcomes Radio 3's turning a microphone a little more to the outside world of performance and politics, there ought to be more room for the voices of scholarship. One could listen to the service for a whole year without realizing that it was coming from a country in which a great deal of work was going on in musical analysis, in the study of composers' sources and sketches, and in the performance and meaning of early music. *Music Weekly* occasionally covers this ground informally and well, but programmes of greater length are required to help us keep abreast not only of new works and new recordings, but also of new thought about music.

I mention extra-European music and substantial talk because these are things that have been in decline, and that Radio 3 is uniquely able to provide; there is also a strong case to be made for more new drama. What one has missed further has been the radio event: the sort of production only imaginable as a broadcast, like last night's Byron-Schumann *Manfred*.

But Drummond surely has it right in maintaining the balance between fixed points (*This Week's Composer* at each end of the day, lunchtime chamber music, early evening talk) and variable spaces, and in keeping that other balance between gentle didacticism, so well exemplified by Elaine Padmore introducing Mozart this week, and the free wheeling that let Graham Fawcett in Tuesday's *Mainly for Pleasure* follow excerpts from *The Sleeping Beauty* with a Kathak dance.

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Scouse mouse breaks out in the Aegean

THEATRE

Shirley Valentine
Vaudeville

The first point we register about Willy Russell's heroine is that she is not Shirley Valentine. She is Mrs Joe Bradshaw, a 42-year-old housewife and incipient wino who spends her days talking to the kitchen wall since her children left home.

Once upon a time she was Shirley Valentine, until all the hope and self-confidence were knocked out of her by school and marriage — and by the sight of everyone around her putting up with the same treatment and telling each other they feel fine.

However, Shirley's spark is not entirely extinguished. This very day, hastening home with a pound of mince for her husband's supper, she encountered a kindred spirit, a vegetarian-owned bloodhound, and impulsively fed the lot to the deprived animal.

No matter what Joe's response to the egg and chips she is frying up, she has no regrets. There is one less creature haunted by impossible dreams.

Her own dream is to carry on drinking in a wine-producing country. A feminist friend puts this within her reach by offering to stand her a holiday in Greece; but Shirley sees all the rows that will cause and denies her heart's desire — until, that is, rows break out over other matters and, as with the bloodhound, she decides to do what she wants. But, to the last minute, it is a matter of touch and go.

The cheers that rang through the Vaudeville on Thursday night at the sight of Pauline Collins transformed from a print-skirted skivvy into a bronzed pleasure-lover reclining against Aegean rocks were partly a tribute to Mr Russell's powers of suspense.

But they went beyond ordinary theatrical appreciation. In this play, as in *Educating Rita*, he touches English audiences directly in a way that no playwright has done since the early John Osborne.

Nothing could be more banal than the subject of *Shirley Valentine*: it is the old chestnut of the turning worm. But if you think of its past treatments, they are obsessively worked out either towards defeat or mere wish-fulfilment.

From Chekhov's Irina demanding: "Where did it all go?" to Coward's Mrs Wentworth-Brewster on the Picolo Marina, the subject has been hijacked by the bourgeois stage to reinforce the status quo. Mr Russell's characters are not interested in the ultimate defeats of human existence; they are interested in escaping a lousy deal and getting more out of life while there is still time.

It is certainly a class-conscious message; but it comes from an artist as passionately attached as Shaw to the idea of personal growth, and it sends you out of the theatre thinking better of the human race.

Catherine Ashmore



Pauline Collins: escaping a lousy deal and getting more out of life while there is still time

Part of Shirley's own appeal lies in her ability to trigger moments of comic recognition: how men talk to women, how children exploit parents, how neighbours play the status game.

On such topics, and in her description of a male pick-up's "designer teeth and bloodshot eyes" and her rapturous account of discovering the clitoral orgasm, she could be delivering a Victoria Wood routine.

But again, the difference is that where Miss Wood is programmed for disaster, Shirley fights back and wins. As Miss Collins plays her, she comes over marvellously as someone who is appalled by her own actions. She uses the Northern comedy of fatalistic defeat and then, unbelievingly, goes on to recount her latest victory.

Miss Collins also scores in evoking the unseen scourges of her life: the loutish master of the house, the man-hating Jane, the taciturn teenagers forever barging back for home comforts.

But as she presents them, you can see their stunted, unsatisfied lives as well as hers. Neither in the writing nor the playing is there the least trace of revenge. Nor, despite the play's extraordinary occupation of a woman's mind, does the piece rank as an exercise in male feminism.

It is a brilliantly funny plea on behalf of all those who society tries to coax into acquiescing in their own suppression; and it reconfirms the creation of plot as a moral act.

Simon Callow's production is burdened by two fussy sets by Bruno Santini (the Greek island is uglier than the kitchen), but otherwise it projects the play like a perfectly aimed arrow.

Irving Wardle

BRIDGE

An original touch

The Portland Invitation, a brand new event with an original format, will take place at the Portland Club on January 30-31. The idea is the brainchild of Demetri Marchessini, who is sponsoring the tournament. He is doing so because he wants to discover whether top players can manage without their pet systems and conventions.

On the 31st, 16 world famous masters will play in an individual contest. To enable them to become accustomed to playing virtually without conventions, on the 30th they will be paired with club members in a "Pro Amateur competition".

Among those taking part will be Zia Mahmood, Pakistan, Gerald Charney, Canada, P.O. Sundelin, Sweden, Arturo Franco, Italy, Christian Mari, France, Hans Kreyns, Netherlands, Robert Sheehan, England, and Jean Besse, Switzerland.

Jean Besse is famous both as a player and a writer. As a writer, Besse's original contributions have received world-wide recognition. The hand which follows comes from a fascinating collection of hands, *Bridge 66 Curiosités*, by Jean Besse and his great friend Pierre Béguin, published in Switzerland. I had supposed that a squeeze which involves all four suits only occurred in composed problems. I was wrong. The declarer was Tony Trad, the Lebanese star who has played for Switzerland on many occasions.

Rubber Bridge
North-South game
Dealer South

	♠ A 10 8 ♡ 4 ◇ A 7 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 9 3	
♠ K Q 9 7 ♡ 9 7 6 5 3 2 ◇ – ♣ K J 10		♠ 6 4 3 2 ♡ – ◇ J 10 9 4 ♣ 8 7 5 4 2
	♠ J 5 ♡ A K Q J 10 8 ◇ K Q 8 3 ♣ 6	

W	N	E	S
–	–	–	1♡
No	2◇	No	4NT(1)
No	5♣	No	7NT(2)
No	No	No	–

(1) Besse regards 4NT as reasonable. I would prefer 4◇.
(2) On the assumption that North has five diamonds, South thinks he can count 13 tricks.

West leads the ♠K, which is taken by dummy's ♠A. When West discards a spade on the ♡K, declarer receives a nasty jolt. He crosses to dummy with the ◇A and plays a heart, on which East discards a spade, which seems like the knock-out punch. Thirteen top tricks have melted into 10. An 11th can come from the club finesse. Only a very rare squeeze can provide the missing two tricks. Declarer, admirably maintaining his poise, cashed three more top hearts, discarding two spades and a diamond from dummy, which left this ending, where every suit is guarded by the defence.

	♠ – ♡ – ◇ 7 6 ♣ A Q 9 3	
♠ Q ♡ 9 7 ◇ – ♣ K J 10		♠ – ♡ – ◇ J 10 ♣ 8 7 5 4
	♠ J ♡ 10 8 ◇ Q 8 ♣ 6	

On the ♡10 declarer parted with a diamond from dummy, while East, unable to spare a diamond, was forced to relinquish a club, thereby increasing the menace of dummy's clubs. West, now the sole guardian of spades, hearts and clubs, could not escape the pressure exerted by the ◇Q. If he threw a club South would make the remainder of the tricks by taking the club finesse. Discarding a spade or a heart would merely postpone West's fate for one trick, because he would then be squeezed again.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Piece of brilliance

Tomorrow in St John, Canada, the two British stars, Nigel Short and Jon Speelman begin their assault on the world title. Short has to play a six game match against Hungarian Grandmaster, Gyula Sax, while Speelman faces the former USA Champion, Yasser Seirawan. On ratings, both Short and Speelman are favourites to win and move on to the quarter-final stage of the world qualifying knock-out competition.

Both of our players have received a boost from their splendid showing in the Foreign and Colonial Tournament at Hastings, the strongest ever held in the Hastings New Year series, and, indeed, one of the four or five strongest tournaments ever held on British soil.

In the following game, which was awarded the prize for the most brilliant game, Speelman outmanoeuvres the former champion of the USSR. The game was chosen by a majority of votes among the players themselves.

White: Lev Psakhis; Black: Jon Speelman
Foreign and Colonial, Hastings, Jan 1988.
Queen's Gambit Accepted.

1 d4	d5	2 c4	dxc4
3 Nf3	c5	4 d5	e6
5 Nc3	exd5	6 Qxd5	Qxd5
7 Nxd5	Bd6	8 Nd2	Ne7
9 Nxc4	Nxd5	10 Nxd6+	Ke7
11 Nxc8+	Rxc8	12 g3	

Seeking to improve on 12 Bg5+ f6 13 0-0-0 Rd8 14 e4 fxg5 15 exd5 Nd7 16 h4 g4 17 Bd3 Nf6 with equality, as in Ribli-Seirawan, Candidates' *Tournament, Montpelier* 1985.

12 ...	Nc6	13 Bg2	Rd8	
14 Bg5+	f6	15 Bd2	Rd6	
16 0-0	Rad8			

White has the nominal advantage of two Bishops versus two Knights, but in compensation Black is extremely well developed and powerfully centralized.

17 Rfe1	b6	18 Kb1	a5
19 Be1	g6	20 Rxb1	Ncb4
21 a3	Na2	22 Rc4	Nd4
23 b3			

If 23 Ra1 Nb3 24 Rxa2 Rd1 with tremendous compensation for the piece. White's forces are tied in knots.

23 ...	Nb5	24 Rb2	Nbc3
25 a4	Nd1	26 Rb1	Na3
27 Rxc1			

A valid sacrifice of Rook for Knight but he errs on move 31.

27 ...	Nxb1	28 Rxb1	f5
29 Bb7	g5	30 Ba6	f4
31 Bd3?			

An error which gives Black real winning chances. He should oscillate his Bishop between a6 and c4.

31 ...	Rxd3	32 exd3	Rxd3
33 Ke2	Rd5	34 gxf4	

If 34 Rxd1 f3+ wins.

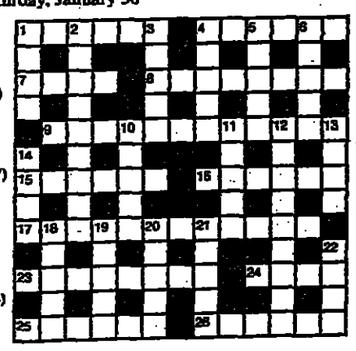
34 ...	gxf4	35 Rc1	Nb2
36 Bc3	Nd3	37 Rg1	Nb4
38 Rg7+?	Kf8	39 Bb2	Rd3

White resigns.

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1470

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 28. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 30



ACROSS
1 Prize (6)
4 Notify (6)
7 Sound in mind (4)
8 Windpipe branch (8)
9 Ukulele comedian (6,6)
15 Inculcate (6)
16 Tyrolean Dress (6)
17 Israel/Syria hills (5,7)
23 Ironic (8)
24 Scots Lake (4)
25 Past (6)
26 Redeem and rescue (6)

DOWN
1 Baby's crisp bread (4)
2 Marvellous (9)
3 Remove trousers (5)
4 Supercilious (5)
5 Stipendiary parish priest (5)
6 Faulty firework (5)
10 Varnish compound (5)
11 Due (5)
12 Horrendous (9)
13 Loud shout (4)
14 Weakest chess piece (4)
18 Speech capacity (5)
19 Sound work (5)
20 Therefore (5)
21 Bring on oneself (5)
22 Pal (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1469

ACROSS: 1 Duenna 4 Deacon 7 Soul 8 Deformed 9 Artiste 11 Blade 12 Decimus Burton 15 Bandy 16 Habitat 20 Traction 21 Club 22 Hearth 23 Yippie

DOWN: 1 Discard 2 Exult 3 Audit 4 Defy 5 Compact 6 Nudge 10 Samey 11 Blurb 13 Cantata 14 Notable 15 Botch 17 Annoy 18 Tulip 19 High

The winners of prize concise No 1464 are: David Ward, Harris Street, east London; and Mrs A.E. Taylor, Old Cleeve, Minehead, Somerset.

SOLUTION TO NO 1464

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REVIEW

Settlers in paradise

PAPERBACKS

Nordhoff's West Coast: California, Oregon and Hawaii, by Charles Nordhoff (Pacific Basin Books, £8.95); An American Artist in the South Seas, by John La Farge (Pacific Basin Books, £9.95).



It would be difficult to imagine two men less alike than the authors of these two travel books. When the Europeanized and fastidious John La Farge, member of an old New York family, sailed to Samoa and Tahiti he was already well established as a painter with an international reputation. Nordhoff, by contrast, was a journalist who as a boy had run away to sea after the early deaths of his immigrant parents; for 10 years he served in whaling and merchant fleets, sailing up and down America's West Coast and around the Hawaiian Islands.

It is small wonder that the books these two men subsequently wrote, although describing the same part of the world, are as dissimilar as they were themselves.

In 1870 the Civil War was over, reconstruction was in full swing and the first transcontinental railroad had just been completed. Nordhoff seized his opportunity. Why not encourage citizens uprooted by the war to ride the new and luxurious Pullman sleeping-cars out to sunny California?

The first chapter sets the tone: a curious blend of tough challenge with constant assurances of every physical comfort. Masquerading as a travel book for tourists, *Nordhoff's West Coast* is a handbook for potential settlers. Jam-packed with facts for farmers, it is a most thorough, if somewhat rose-coloured, account of living conditions on the West Coast at that time.

Nordhoff, however, was clearly a well-intentioned man. He loved his adopted state. While admitting that the Puebla de Los Angeles was not "a very angelic place", he wished to dispel commonly held ideas that the West Coast consisted only of "beets and pumpkins, rough miners and bowie-knives".

He finds the climate exhilarating and is inclined to brush aside minor drawbacks such as the shortage of water. In his view, dozens of watermills and many miles of hand-dug irrigation canals have solved this problem.

Insisting that roads, shops and hotels everywhere are excellent, he tends to exaggerate the development of the area, at any rate for tourists. Reading his confident descriptions of the ease with which "ladies" and "weakly children" may make the 10-hour descent on horseback into the Yosemite Valley, or a frankly hazardous journey to the edge

An invaluable record of a way of life which he saw was doomed

of the boiling crater of Kilauea, we realize we are in the hands of a first-class Yankee salesman.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that he had a fine grasp of the West Coast's potential and envisaged a world market in due course for its wines and citrus fruits, and world fame for its natural wonders.

The most entertaining feature of La Farge's *An American Artist in the South Seas* is the way he and his old friend, the distinguished historian Henry Adams, went native. These two elderly, patrician gentlemen stopped short of wearing the *lava-lava* but enjoyed being adopted by the royal families of Samoa and Tahiti. In Samoa the august Adams was dubbed Atamo, and Atamo he remains for the rest of the book.

Published posthumously, his record of a year of escape from the "steamships, steamboats, street-cars, hansom cabs, hotels and theatres" of industrial America is made up from notes he kept on the voyage and long letters written to his young son.

Although self-indulgent and overly long, the book reveals La Farge's growing fascination with the culture of the simple Polynesian societies he was visiting. He was deeply moved by the physical grace and beauty of the people; his memoir leaves an invaluable record of a way of life which he foresaw was doomed, but which is recorded for us in his sketches and numerous watercolours, some of which are reproduced in his book.

Isabel Butterfield

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION
An Academic Question, by Barbara Pym (Grafton, £2.95) Pym's academic novel set in a West Country provincial university with characteristic wit and watchfulness.
Only Yesterday, by Julian Gloag (Paladin, £3.50) Old age and death and the human condition treated with gentleness.
Pleasures and Regrets, by Marcel Proust, translated by Louise Varese (Grafton, £3.95) Marcel's first book, published in 1896, when he was 25, with stories and sketches exploring the themes of love, friendship, snobbery, habit, sensuality, and death, which he developed prodigiously in *A la recherche*.
The Body In The Billiard Room, by H.R.F. Keating (Arrow, £2.50) Inspector Ghote solves murder in the once fashionable hill station of Dotamacund with bizarre and lively cast of characters like Kipling crossed with Ruth Prawer Jhabvala.
The Heart of the Country, by Fay Weldon (Arrow, £2.50) Abandoned wife with two children, dog, and thirsty Volvo to feed, meets Sonia, a Weldon witch/woman wise to the ways of the DHSS, and her life is changed for ever.
NON-FICTION
The Crystal Spirit, by Mary Craig (Coronet, £3.95) Biography and analysis of Lech Walesa and his changed Poland.
The Longest Battle, by Richard Hough (Pan, £3.95) The war at sea 1939-45, history brought to life with individual memoirs.
The Seizure of Power, by Adrian Lyttelton (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95) The rise of Fascism in Italy 1919-1929
The Stones Cry Out, by Molyda Szymusiak, translated by Linda Coverdale (Sphere, £2.99) History written by history's bleeding raw material: a twelve-year-old girl's horrifying story of the chaos and cruelty of her Cambodian childhood 1975-80
The Truth Twisters, by Richard Deacon (Futura, £3.50) Disinformation, the art form of our century: the making and spreading of official distortions, half-truths and lies.

Rip-snorting triumph

ROCK

The Pogues If I Should Fall From Grace With God (Pogue Mahone NYR 1)



Rasper: Shane MacGowan

"Fairytale Of New York", an outrageous single which reached No.2 in the festive chart, is typical of the Pogues' third album. For it is a collection which runs a flag of tuneful charm up the mast while lashing the rope at the bottom to the cleat of rough bonhomie and rip-snorting, reckless irreverence, is typical of the Pogues' third album.

The foul-mouthed vernacular comes thick and fast in "A Bottle Of Smoke", a breathless gallop that celebrates the day the money went on the right horse. Those of a delicate sensibility will also wish to be spared the fiery, protest-song invective of "Birmingham Six", not to mention the closing coda, "Worms", a grim observation on the joys of vermiculation.

Indeed, to those for whom folk in a rock context means the gentle whimsy of Suzanne Vega or the master craftsman approach of, say, Fairport Convention, Shane MacGowan's muddled rasp and the Pogues' hell-for-leather approach are unlikely ever to be palatable.

Yet with "Turkish Song of the Damned", "Fiesta" and "Metropolis", this album takes "folk" into unlikely realms of cross-cultural fusion with acute and inspired wit. "Thousands Are Sailing", a song written by the recently recruited guitarist Philip Chevron, harnesses a heroic Gaelic lilt to a tugging backbeat in what would surely be a recipe for chart success if released as a single.

Furthermore, the intelligent, imaginative energy that informs every chord change, lyric and instrumental flourish on this densely-packed record suggests that the Pogues have reached a stage of artistic buoyancy that few performers enjoy more than once.

***If I Should Fall From Grace With God* is a triumph. It surpasses anything the group has previously recorded, and will stand as a major release of 1988.**

David Sinclair

Jukebox joys

JAZZ RECORDS

Eddie Davis Uptown (Swingtime ST 1021)
Ike Quebec The Complete Blue Note 45 Sessions (Mosaic MR3-121, 3 discs)

Widely accused in its time of representing jazz's lowest common denominator, the organ-and-tenor music of the late Fifties and early Sixties has endured remarkably well. Aimed at the juke box and therefore strong on melody and rhythm, the best of it benefits from a functional integrity that keeps the musicians strictly to the point.

Swingtime's anthology of 11 cuts by the tenor saxophonist Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis comes from sessions cut between 1955 and 1957 for the King label. Shirley Scott (once Mrs Stanley Turrentine) and the lesser known but equally efficient Doc Bagby divide the Hammond organ duties; the five tracks with Miss Scott, all standard tunes, benefit in particular from the immaculate drumming of Arthur Edgehill. Davis himself displays his characteristic and much-missed blend of warmth and aggression.

Ike Quebec was a tenorist of similar temperament, sharing the influences of Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster and Chu Berry. Mosaic's three-LP collection of sides originally cut for juke-box singles in the early Sixties does not represent the company's most valuable retrieval from the Blue Note archives, but it will further enhance the posthumous reputation of a superb all-round improviser.

One of the sessions, too, boasts the presence of the organist Earl Vandyke, whose bluesy keyboard style lent distinction to many of the early Tamla-Motown hits.

Richard Williams

Huge, hot noises

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Messiaen: Turangalila-Symphonie, Quatuor pour la fin du temps Soloists, CBSO/Rattle. EMI CDS 7 47463 8 (two CDs)
Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius Soloists, CBSO and Chorus/Rattle. EMI CDS 7 49549 2 (two CDs)



Controlled: Simon Rattle

After a period of relative neglect, Messiaen's great dance of love and death is suddenly surging again through our concert halls and on to record: Simon Rattle's new version joins a recent one by Esa-Pekka Salonen, so that both the young lions are competing on the same ground.

The Salonen recording was widely praised for its textural clarity, its gloriously lucid presentation of music in which there are often six or more things happening at the same time. This is not such a priority for Rattle, and there are passages where his approach can seem to simplify the music unduly.

His recording also gives more prominence to the solo piano (though not to the ondes martenot, whose electronic glaze on the music can seem underdeveloped): there is therefore more sense of *Turangalila* as a piano concerto, though with Peter Donohoe as soloist, the opportunities for exultant virtuosity are certainly not wasted.

But if Salonen's many-layered activity becomes a more elemental contrast, Rattle certainly takes the palm for his rhythmic sense, whether it is a matter of unstoppable dynamism or a more circumspect measuring of time.

The love music is sensational, but yet so evidently under control that it never seems just splashy and lurid. And the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra make a huge, hot noise: they sound as if they are playing under the seizure of ecstasy, though their wind soloists prove they are keeping their heads when the music turns more intricate.

The EMI coupling is also more attractive and appropriate: where the Salonen performance is offered with Lutoslawski, Rattle's recording comes with a reissue of the Gawriloff-Deinzer-Palm-Kontarsky performance of the *Quatuor pour la fin du temps*.

Among so many successful recordings from Rattle and the CBSO, *The Dream of Gerontius* is disappointing. I could believe that the most vociferous music has never been heard so thrillingly, and certainly the CBSO Chorus give a splendid performance, but Rattle is not sure what to do with religiosity, and the soloists have all seen better days. Of course, John Mitchinson, Janet Baker and John Shirley-Quirk contribute experience and feeling, but expressiveness easily becomes distasteful when the technical support is questionable.

Paul Griffiths

New Year Jumbo solution

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The five winners of The Times New Year Jumbo Crossword Competition, who each receive a £50 prize, are Bernard Kernan, Old Quarry, Dalkey, County Dublin, Ireland; Mrs Norma Simmons, Stanhope Place, London; D.J. Vanderhide, Harrowby Road, Seaforth, Liverpool; Mrs S.E. Davison, The Priory, Alcester, Warwickshire; and A.F. Mylward, The Pastures, Repton, Derby. Now try our regular prize-winning Concise Crossword Competition opposite

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Position vacant?

Another key figure in the changing world of London's museums and galleries could be disappearing sooner than expected. Sir David Wilson, aged 57, director of the British Museum since 1977, is understood to be contemplating early retirement. No firm plans have been made but Sir David, not due to leave until 1991 at the earliest, has apparently let it be known to friends that he finds the idea attractive. If so, the BM will join the V & A, Tate and National Gallery in having a new face at the top.

Clause cause

There's a certain ambiguity about the Stop Clause 27 Arts Lobby, which plans a rally of well-known personalities and a protest at the House of Lords on Monday: the clause in the Local Government Bill banning local authorities from "promoting" homosexuality has now become number 28. Eleanor Bron, Caryl Churchill, Maureen Lipman, Sheila Hancock, Simon Callow, Tom Stoppard and Ian McKellen are among those expected to voice opposition because of fears that loose wording, intended to apply to schools, could have serious repercussions on arts funded by local authorities. They warn that the clause could be used to censor plays, films, paintings and library books — even those as mainstream as the Oscar-nominated *My Beautiful Laundrette* or the spy play, *Breaking The Code*.

Playing safe

The Playhouse behind Charing Cross, reopened only last October after 35 "dark" years and a £2 million refurbishment, is already facing a change in policy. Rather than producing its own show following the expensive failure of *Girlfriends*, it is to become a "receiving house", staging a



Evans and Madoc

musical comedy, Nite Club Confidential, from March 9. Ruth Madoc returns to the West End in a role far removed from holiday camp "yellow coat" — as a fading night club singer. Kathryn Evans plays her young, beautiful and ambitious rival.

Wind of change

Brass sections of orchestras are generally full of large men trained near northern coalpits who show an astonishing ability to reach the nearest bar quicker than audience members. Trumpet-player Ruth Hogan, aged 25, is set to confound that image when *Parsifal* opens at the Royal Opera House on Thursday. It is her first production since being appointed a member of the ROH orchestra.

● ***We'll Meet Again* and *Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant-Major* are two of the wartime *refrains that will ring out alongside* some new tunes in the £1 million musical *Winnie*, opening in May with Robert Hardy as Winston Churchill. The bulldog Prime Minister, however, will not launch into any rollicking solos — his famous speeches are being underscored as spoken "arias".**

Lynda Murdin

THE WEEK AHEAD



THEATRE

IN THE FAMILY: Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Dalton head the cast of *A Touch of the Poet*, by Eugene O'Neill, directed by David Thacker and seen for the first time in London in the playwright's centenary year. Joely Richardson, Redgrave's daughter, appears on stage with her mother for the first time, although they were both in the film *Wetherby*. John McEnery, Amanda Boxer and Malcolm Tierney are the other principals in the play. The Young Vic, The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363), performances from Thursday.



GALLERIES

BUSHWORK: Fred Williams died aged 55 in 1982 just as his landscape paintings of Australia were becoming better known and appreciated outside his home land. In 1979 he was commissioned by a mining company to paint the Pilbara, a strange, remote region of north west Australia. This resulted in a series of remarkable pictures. The first major exhibition of Williams's work to be held in this country, comprising the Pilbara series, is at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075), from today.



BOOKS

CLASSIC CAREERS: Gilbert Murray was a grand old man of Greek scholarship and international politics. Regius Professor at Oxford for 28 years, he popularized his subject with flowery, sub-Swinburnian translations that are still chanted. He campaigned vigorously for peace, and was chairman of the League of Nations until 1938. His biography, has been written (appropriately) by a distinguished diplomat and classical scholar, the late Sir Duncan Wilson. *Gilbert Murray OM, 1866-1957* (Oxford, £25, published Thursday).



CINEMA

CRIME CLASSICS: Gloria Grahame created a superb movie gallery of sultry, bruised and cynical girls. Two key films from the early Fifties are now available in glistening prints: Fritz Lang's *The Big Heat* (15), in which she is memorably scalded with hot coffee, and Nicholas Ray's *In a Lonely Place* (PG), where she falls for Humphrey Bogart (a screenwriter accused of murder). Next week, Penguin publish Peter Turner's memoir of her last years, *Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool*. Everyman Cinema (01-435 1525), until January 30.



CONCERTS

DAY RETURN: Daniel Barenboim brings his Orchestre de Paris to London for a single day tomorrow. They will play a fairly austere programme — Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht* for strings and Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No 9 — and fly back to Paris the same evening. Despite his continuing popularity, Barenboim is now a comparatively rare visitor to London and this is his only appearance here as a conductor this season. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tomorrow, 3.15-5.05pm, £5-£25.



OPERA

PETER'S PARSIFAL: Peter Seiffert, the Düsseldorf-born tenor, has risen very swiftly to the top in the German operatic repertoire. He began with the lighter roles, including Eisenstein in the EMI recording of *Fledermaus* conducted by Domingo. Now Wagner is occupying much of his time and he makes his Covent Garden debut on Thursday in the title role of *Parsifal*, with Haitink in the pit. *Lohengrin* follows at the end of the decade at Munich and Walther (*Meistersinger*) at La Scala. Royal Opera House, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

THEATRE

LONDON

THE BEST OF FRIENDS: John Gielgud, Rosemary Harris, Ray McAnally, in a new play by Hugh Whitemore about the true life friendship of Sir Sydney Carlyle Cockerell, Dame Laurentia McLachlan and George Bernard Shaw. James Roose-Evans directs. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-437 2663). Previews from Thurs. Opens Feb 10.

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF: Howard Davies directs the first full-length Tennessee Williams play at the National Theatre. Ian Charleson, Lindsay Duncan, Colin Jeavons, Eric Porter, Alison Steadman, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Paul Jesson are among the principals. Lyttelton, National Theatre (01-928 2252). Previews from Mon. Opens Feb 3.

KING OF ENGLAND: Barrie Keeffe's play, about a black London transport worker on the point of retirement, was postponed last year and now opens with Rudolph Walker. Paul Barber and Larry Dann, directed by Philip Hedley. Theatre Royal, Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, London E15 (01-534 0310). From Thurs.

A WHOLLY HEALTHY GLASGOW: London première of Iain Heggie's prize-winning adult comedy about an earnest young newcomer's impact on a crooked health club. Royal Exchange Manchester production. Royal Court (01-730 1745) From Thurs.

OUT OF TOWN

GUILDFORD: The Taming of the Shrew: Kate O'Mara and Tim Woodward resume their national tour with the British Actors's Theatre. Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191). Opens Mon.

INVERNESS: Anything for a Quiet Life: Théatre de Complicité begin a tour with their latest, largely wordless, show. Eden Court (0463 221718). Fri and Jan 30.

LIVERPOOL: Passion Play: Pauline Yates and David Gant lead in Peter Nichols's bitter marital comedy. Playhouse (051 709 8363). Opens Wed.

PLYMOUTH: South West Festival of Mime and Clowns: Includes John Mowat, Nola Rae, and Nickelodeon. Drum, Theatre Royal (0752 669595). From Mon until Jan 30.

WATFORD: Suite in Two Keys: Francis Matthews, Isla Blair, Caroline Blakiston in the Noel Coward double bill, *Shadows of the Evening* and *Come Into the Garden Maud*. Palace Theatre (0923 25671). Opens Thurs.

CONCERTS

AMADEUS'S ANNIVERSARY: To mark the anniversary of Mozart's birth (which actually falls on Wednesday) the Gabrieli Quartet play his Quartet K421 and are joined by Christian Blackshaw for the Piano Quartet K 478, and by Jack Brymer for the Clarinet Quintet K 581. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.45pm.

ROWICKI/BOLET: The distinguished Polish conductor Witold Rowicki takes the RPO through Weber's *Oberon* Overture, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 and the great pianist Jorge Bolet solos in Rachmaninov's Concerto No 3. Festival Hall. Thurs, 7.30pm.

VARIED THEME: The "Theme with Variations" series devoted to British music continues with the LSO, London Symphony Chorus and various soloists combining under the baton of Richard Hickox for Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*, Elgar's *Sea Pictures*, Hoddinott's *Heaventree of Stars*. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BOULEZ/BBC SO: Pierre Boulez conducts the BBC SO in his own *Figures-Doubles-Prismes*, Messiaen's *Chronochromie*, Schoenberg's Variations Op 31, adding to these heavyweight classics the youthful George Benjamin's *Ringed by the Flat Horizon*. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Mon, 7.30pm.

RUSSIAN EVENING: James Blair conducts the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra in Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain*, Khachaturian's Violin Concerto (Erich Gruenberg, soloist) and Shostakovich's Symphony No 10. Barbican Centre. Mon, 7.45pm.

MEHTA MUSIC: The LPO is conducted by Zubin Mehta in Schubert's Symphony No 6 and Richard Strauss's *Sinfonia Domestica*. Festival Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

KIM/COLS: Hyung-Kyu Kim solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 467 with the City of London Sinfonia, which Andrew Watkinson also conducts in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and Vivaldi's *Seasons*. Barbican Centre. Fri, 7.45pm.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Peter Wright's *Giselle* is given tonight, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesday, the final performance of *The Dream*, *Pursuit*, and *The Concert*. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

DANCE PAZZAZ: Dances from Africa, the Caribbean, India, and other exotic parts. Programme changes nightly. Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC1 (01-387 9629). Mon-Jan 30. The Place, London W1 (01-387 0031). Feb 1-3, and Feb 11.

SCOTTISH BALLET: Peter Darrell's *The Nutcracker*. His Majesty's, Aberdeen (0224 641122) this afternoon and evening, and then at Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091 232 2061), Tues-Jan 30.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Thursday (7.30pm) is the first night of a revival of Graham Vick's stimulating production of *Madame Butterfly*. Janice Cairns, Norman Bailey, return to the cast and Edmund Barham makes his debut as Pinkerton. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

SCOTTISH OPERA: New production by Stephen Lawless of Bizet's *Pearl Fishers* opens on Tues. at 7.15pm conducted by Peter Robinson and with a cast led by Rita Cullis and Kim Begley. Also on Saturday January 30. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Resume their touring *Figaro* on the following route: tonight Theatr Hafren, Newton (0686 25007); Wednesday Civic Centre, Port Talbot (0639 883141); Friday and Saturday. Theatr y Werin, Aberystwth (0970 4218). All performances start at 7.30pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

THE FUGITIVE GESTURE: A host of dance pictures brought together by William Ewing featuring dancers from Nijinsky to Astaire photographed by Horst, Beaton, Steichen and Man Ray and others. Olivier Gallery, National Theatre, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-928 2033) until March 12.

NEW BRITISH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY: Curious exhibition where photography assumes the guise of art and somehow misses the uniqueness of photography. Fotogallery, 31 Charles Street, Cardiff (0222 41667) until Feb 20.

RADIO

AUSTRALIA: Mike Walker's ambitious 13-part celebration of the bicentennial includes interviews, dramatic reconstructions and the views of leading historians. Radio 4, tomorrow, 2.30-3.30pm.



● **Billed as "King of the Wide Boys", Arthur English was one of the top radio comedians of the 1940s. He later abandoned his spiv character and turned to acting and became a familiar face in the television sitcoms, *Are You Being Served?* and *In Sickness and in Health*. In *The Best of English* he looks back over a career which started at that celebrated comics' nursery, the Windmill Theatre. Radio 2, Wednesday, 10-10.15pm.**

CONCERTO: The German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter plays and talks about the Mozart Violin Concerto No 2 in the first of a new series by June Knox-Mawer. Radio 4, Thurs, 7.30-8.15pm.

FILMS

THE LOST BOYS (15): Adolescent tale of vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel Schumacher directs. Warner (01-439 0791), from Fri.

CHINA GIRL (18): Violent, stylish Romeo and Juliet story set in New York's Chinatown and Little Italy. With Richard Panebianco and Sari Chang as the misfit lovers; directed by Abel Ferrara. Metro (01-437 0757), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

KING LEAR (15): Jean-Luc Godard's aggravating, freewheeling film, dimly inspired by Shakespeare's play, with a cast encompassing theatre director Peter Sellars (as the playwright's ancestor), Burgess Meredith, Molly Ringwald, and Godard himself. Cannon Première (01-439 4470), ICA (01-930 3647), from Fri.

NADINE(PG): Lightweight diversion from writer-director Robert Benton, with Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger as a Texan couple primed for divorce but drawn together by a suspicious killing. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), and Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631), from Fri.

GALLERIES

GILBERT LEDWARD (1888-1960): A centenary tribute, mainly of drawings, to a forgotten sculptor. The Fine Art Society, London W1 (01-629 5116). From Mon.

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: Predominantly landscape works from the printroom of the University of Leiden, including items by Mabuse and Ruysdael. Hunterian Art Gallery, Glasgow (041 339 8855). From today.

DHRUVA MISTRY: Recent works by a figurative sculptor who mixes western and Asian traditions in his work. Cleveland Gallery, Middlesbrough (0642 248155). From today.

L S LOWRY: A centenary exhibition of 80 paintings showing the startling variety in his work. Herbert Art Gallery, Coventry (0203 25555). From today.

TELEVISION

TALKING PICTURES: The urbane Barry Norman presents a 10-part history of Hollywood since the arrival of sound, with the reminiscences of more than 100 actors, directors and producers. BBC1, Mon, 10.10-11pm.

HORIZON: Looks at the heroic feat of engineering which created the Panama Canal and how today its survival is being threatened by damage to the surrounding rainforest. BBC2, Mon, 8.10-9pm.

THE DARK ROOM: The *Play On 1* series of contemporary dramas continues with a piece by Julian Gloag about the traumas of cot death; Susan Wooldridge and Philip Jackson play the parents. BBC1, Tues, 9.30-11pm.

PORTERHOUSE BLUE: A welcome second showing of the fine adaptation of Tom Sharpe's comic novel about a ramshackle Cambridge College getting a new broom. Channel 4, Wed, 10.30-11.30pm.

JAZZ

COURTNEY PINE: A chance to sample material from the saxophonist and fashion leader's new LP, due for imminent release. Ambassador's Theatre, West Street, London WC2 (01-836 6111), tomorrow, 8pm.

STAN TRACEY BIG BAND: The pianist's ensemble will be concentrating on material from the Genesis suite. Performances on Friday and Saturday are to be recorded for a new album of Ellington numbers. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747), Mon-Sat.

FAST COLOUR: Trombonist Annie Whitehead leads a group featuring trumpeter Harry Becket and sax player Dudu Pukwana. Band On The Wall, Manchester (061 832 6625), Thurs.

FIRST HOUSE: Acclaimed young band (with an ECM album already under their belt) co-led by keyboard player Django Bates and altoist Ken Stubbs. Old Vic Tavern, Nottingham (0602 419741)), Wed.

ROCK

ERIC CLAPTON: The august guitar hero celebrates 25 years in the business with a record-establishing residency. Tonight, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Mon-Wed, Fri-Sun Jan 31 and Feb 2-4, Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212).

STEVE EARLE: Rare chance to catch the *Guitar Town* country-rocker performing solo. Tonight and tomorrow, Acoustic Room, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490).



● **John Cougar Mellencamp last played in Britain in 1978 when he was struggling for recognition as "plain" John Cougar. He has since become a superstar in the USA. Recent albums and his work as a co-founder of the *Farm Aid* benefit concerts, have earned him a reputation as a spokesman for the forgotten souls of the American midwest. He plays tomorrow and Monday at the Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).**

WALKS

HIDDEN CURIOS OF OLD LONDON: meet today, St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50.

LONDON'S MOST COLOURFUL VILLAGE — SOHO: meet today, Leicester Square tube, 11.15am, £2,75,

1660's GREAT PLAGUE AND FIRE: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £2.25.

TV FILMS

THE BIG BLOCKADE (1941): Wartime flag-waver from Ealing Studios with an all-star cast headed by John Mills and Michael Redgrave. Channel 4, Thurs, 3-4.20pm.

THE VANISHING CORPORAL (1962): Jean-Pierre Cassel in Jean Renoir's wry comedy about French soldiers trying to escape from a German prison camp. BBC2, Fri, 11.15pm-1.05am.

DEATH IN A FRENCH GARDEN (1985): Michel Piccoli as a rich industrialist in Michel Deville's bizarre thriller, full of cheeky style. Channel 4, Fri, 12.05-2am.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ENGLISH NORTHERN PHILHARMONIA: Opera North's orchestra accompanies screening of silent film, *Battleship Potemkin*, as part of the Nottingham Byron Festival. June 5. Opera North (0532 439999).

THE BERLIOZ EXPERIENCE: Concerts, talks, recitals and open rehearsals based on *Romeo and Juliet*, with opportunity to meet musicians and speakers. Schutz Choir of London and London Classical Players perform under Roger Norrington. Multi-ticket available for whole weekend. March 4-6. Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK PICTURE SHOW: Paintings, drawings, watercolours, prints and reliefs about London by professional and amateur artists in open competition. Ends tomorrow. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-921 0600, 01-928 3002).

CAMDEN TOWN: Exhibition by Camden Town painters, 1905-20. Ends tomorrow. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 9060).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Television and Radio: Peter Waymark; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

EARTH-FLAX
(a) Another name for amianthus, the unpolluted, silky asbestos.

EARTH-GRINE
(c) Old English for an earthquake, also *earth-grith*; the correct form and etymology are unknown.

EARTH-PIG
(a) The literal translation of the Dutch *aardvarken*, poor ugly beast.

EARTH-APPLE
(b) In Old English the best guess is that it means a cucumber; but in glossorial Latin apparently mandragora.

Grappelli takes a bow

When he toasts his 80th birthday in a special concert at the Barbican Centre on Tuesday, Stephane Grappelli will no doubt demonstrate once again that the passing years have had little effect on his prodigious technique. Surrounded by younger musicians such as the guitarist Martin Taylor, he still devotes up to nine months of the year to touring, and manages to keep pace with Eighties trends by adding a sprinkling of pop tunes to his familiar repertoire of Hot Club classics.

Tuesday's celebrations will be graced by a number of the violinist's old friends, including singer Marian Montgomery. Another highlight will be the guest appearance by Sir Yehudi Menuhin, who has accompanied Grappelli on several albums. The partnership underlines how successful Grappelli has been in bridging the gap between jazz, light entertainment and "serious" music: one of his lesser-known pre-war recordings, an improvisation on Bach's D-minor concerto for two violins — performed with Django Reinhardt and fellow-violinist Eddie South — enjoyed the distinction of being banned as "degenerate" during the Nazi Occupation.

Born in Paris, Grappelli studied at the Conservatoire and set out to earn a crust from playing in an orchestra which provided music for silent films. At 18 he gave up the violin in favour of the piano (he retains a deft touch at the keyboard) but eventually returned to his first love. After joining a local big band, the turning point in his career came when he met the gypsy guitarist Reinhardt during a hotel date.

Accounts of their first meeting vary; what is beyond dispute is the almost telepathic relationship which developed between them in the hugely successful all-string Quintette du Hot Club de France.

The partnership lasted until the outbreak of war, when Grappelli took refuge in London. After working with artists such as George Shearing, he was finally reunited with Reinhardt in 1946. Their jazzy "Marseillaise" again attracted official displeasure — this time from followers of de Gaulle.

The duo worked together, on and off, until the guitarist's death in 1953, though they rarely recaptured the magic of their 1930s work. The following decade and a half proved a relatively quiet period for Grappelli, as he made a comfortable living from residencies, including a six-year run at the Paris Hilton. As far as British audiences were concerned, he enjoyed a re-birth in the early Seventies when the guitarist Diz Disley arranged a tour of small clubs. After the enthusiastic reception for those performances, Grappelli gathered new momentum, playing Carnegie Hall in 1974, and linking up with other virtuosi including the vibraphonist Gary Burton, Julian Lloyd Webber, and of course Sir Yehudi. Nigel Kennedy, who met Grappelli while a pupil at the Menuhin School, was another musician who came under his spell, playing with him at a number of concerts.

Grappelli now seems at home in any setting, from a middle of the road television show to the major jazz festivals. "His playing is still phenomenal," says Alan Clare, who first accompanied him in the Forties. "One of the things people tend to overlook is that he's an excellent pianist and a great ballad player as well. Audiences always want to hear up-tempo numbers like 'Sweet Georgia Brown' ad nauseum. They don't know what they're missing."

Clive Davis

Tuesday, Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).



A string king of jazz: Stephane Grappelli's prodigious technique will be displayed at his eightieth birthday celebration on Tuesday at the Barbican Centre

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.15pm Sports news Wales 5.30-5.45 Invasion 12.50am-12.55 News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 5.15pm-6.20 Scottish news and sport 10.10 Another Taste of Scotch and Wry 10.40 Sportscene 11.10 Carrott Confidential 11.45 Film: Cross of Iron 1.50am-1.55 Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 3.00 Indoor Bowling 4.00 Table Tennis 4.55 Northern Ireland results 10.45 Indoor Bowling 11.30 Film: Cross of Iron 1.35am-1.40 News and weather **ENGLAND:** 5.15pm-5.20 South and east: Sport South and west: Spotlight sport and news. All other regions — regional news and sport

ANGLIA As London except: 12.00noon America's Top Ten 12.30pm-1.00 Easy Street 11.05-1.00am Film: Naked Runner.

BORDER As London except: 12.00noon-1.00pm UFO 11.05 Film: Rhinestone 1.10am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon 12.50pm-1.00 Cartoon 11.55 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.50am Film: The Death of Me Yet 2.15 Twilight Zone 3.10 Rock on Central 4.20 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 Greatest American Hero 12.30pm-1.00 Survival of the Fittest 11.05-1.00am Film: Starting Over 4.00 Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.00noon-1.00pm Greatest American Hero 11.05 Film: Rhinestone 1.10am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.00-1.00pm Street Hawk 11.55 Film: The Mechanic 1.40am Tales from the Darkside 2.15 America's Top 10 2.45 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.00noon ALF 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 11.05 Magnum 12.00 Film: Rhinestone 2.05am Sledge Hammer! 2.35 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.05pm-12.00 Cup Rugby: Pontypridd v Aberavon

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 America's Top Ten 12.00 Knight Rider 12.30pm-1.00 Terrahawks 11.05 Bean, Burns and a Bicycle 11.35 Late Call 11.40 Hammer House of Horror 12.40am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 Greatest American Hero 12.30-1.00pm South West Week 2.45-3.15 Gardens for All 5.05-5.10 Newsport 11.05 Film: Rhinestone 1.10am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 Greatest American Hero 12.30pm-1.00 Survival of the Fittest 11.05-1.00am Film: Starting Over 4.00 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-1.00pm Film: Blondie Meets the Boss" 11.05 Film: Rhinestone 1.10am Poetry of the People 1.30-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-1.00pm Film: Anne of the Indies 11.05 Magnum 12.00 Newheart 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 Small Wonder 12.00-1.00pm Man from UNCLE 11.05 Film: Rhinestone 1.10am Film: Fear in the Night 2.50 Jobfinder 3.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.00am Years Ahead 10.45 What the Papers Say 11.00 Mavis on 4 11.30 Time to Remember" 12.00 Scotland's Story 12.30pm Idle Class" 1.05 Racing 2.05 Film: The Magic Bow" 5.00 Galapagos 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 An Idea of Europe 7.00 Citizen 2000 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Corrwyn Yr Wyl 8.30 Awyr Las 9.25 Y Maes Chwarae 10.15 Golden Girls 10.55 Late Night with David Letterman 11.40 Barney Miller 12.15am Film: Incredible Sarah 2.10 This Made News 2.40 Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES:** 12.30am-12.35 News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 3.00pm Everyman 3.45 The High Chaparral 4.35-5.05 Sunday Sportscene 10.00 High Points 10.50-11.20 Landscape 12.30am-12.35 News and weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 12.35pm-12.50 Tomorrow's Farm 5.05-5.30 Indoor Bowling 10.30 Indoor Bowling 11.05 Everyman 11.55 Network East 12.35am-12.40 News and weather **BBC2** **WALES:** 2.00pm-3.00 Rugby Special Wales (includes Pontypool v Swansea highlights)

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm Link 1.15 Bioscope Bygones 1.30 News 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 News 1.35 Cartoon 1.45-2.00 Link 11.30 Scrumdown: Oldham v Wakefield Trinity 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm News 1.05 Central Post 1.10 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 5.00-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.25am Donahue 1.20 Film: House of Blackmail" 2.45 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Starting Point 1.00pm Link 1.15 Les Français Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-4.30 Film: Bridge at Remagen 2.30am Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 This is Your Right 1.30 Aap Kaa Hak 1.35-2.00 Link 5.00-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Scrumdown: Oldham v Wakefield Trinity 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm Farming Wales 1.30 Cartoon 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-4.30 Film: Beau Brummell 5.00-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.30 America's Top 10 12.00 New Factory 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 11.00 Smurfs 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm Glen Michael Cavalcade 1.40 Link 2.00 Chapter & Verse 2.30 Film: Parent Trap 3.30-4.30 Tennent's Sixes 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bean, Burns and a Bicycle 11.30 Tennent's Sixes 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm Farming News 1.30 Fisheries News 1.45-2.00 Link 11.30 T J Hooker 12.25am Sunday Review, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm News 1.05 Link 1.20 Action! 1.30-2.00 Enterprise South 3.00am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 Smurfs 1.40-2.00 Link 5.00 Darts 5.30-6.00 Northern Life 11.30 9 to 5 12.00 Northern Opera Sing 12.10am-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Ask Anne 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Advice with Anne Hailes 11.30 Mary 12.00 Sports Results 12.05am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm-1.10 Cartoon 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 11.45 Scrumdown: Oldham v Wakefield Trinity 12.30am Five Minutes 12.35 Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Hafoc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Same Difference 11.30 Waltzes 12.30pm Wine Programme 1.00 Arwyddion Flyrdd 1.30 World of Animation 1.55 Anne of Green Gables 4.15 Hot House People 5.15 Business Programme 6.00 Volleyball 7.15 Wil Cwac Cwac 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Bhaglan Hywel Gwynfryn 8.10 Pobol Y Cwm 8.40 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.10 Hel Straeon 9.40 St Elsewhere 10.25 Film: Command Decision" 12.40am Closedown.

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

● The second programme in the series The Human Voice (BBC2, 8.00pm) features a year in the life of the German operatic soprano, Hildegard Behrens. Peter Adam's film follows her rehearsals for her three big 1987 productions — *Elektra* in Paris, *Wozzeck* in Vienna and *The Ring* in Munich. On and off the stage, she is a formidable lady who knows what she wants and usually gets it. "We rehearsed it that way", says her director in Vienna, Nikolaus Lehnhoff. "That's no reason", she retorts. She trained as a lawyer and did not become an opera singer until she was 30. Spotted by Herbert von Karajan, who cast her in *Salome* at the Salzburg Festival, she soared

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to the top. Adam's portrait is an entirely public one. Behrens reckons that her private life is her own affair and declines to talk about it. Interviewed by Adam in dressing rooms across Europe, she keeps the conversation strictly to work. The result is a programme which will have more appeal to opera buffs than the average viewer who may be curious to know how globe-trotting opera stars manage to reconcile their careers and families, cope with jet lag, and retain a sense of national identity.

Peter Waymark



Hildegard Behrens as Brünnhilde in Munich Opera's Ring cycle: The Human Voice, on BBC2, at 8.00pm



Barry Lynch and Leonie Mellinger in the TV version of David Lodge's comic novel Small World, ITV, 9.30pm

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● Watching the opening titles of **Small World** (ITV, 9.30pm), I wondered whether the comic strip treatment was a deliberate homage to another tilt at academe, *The History Man*. At any rate, we are in similar territory. David Lodge's comic novel of life and lust on the Eng. Lit. conference circuit makes its transition to the screen in a promising six-part adaptation by Howard Schuman, still revered for his *Rock Follies*. It is the story of Persse McGarrigle (Barry Lynch), an innocent in the ways of scholarship and sex, and his amorous pursuit of the beautiful but elusive Angelica (Leonie Mellinger). It is also the story of the wife-swapping professors, Zapp (from California) and Swallow, and their swapped — and cheated — wives. The background to these couplings is a gathering at a redbrick university at which the company chews over the merits of Structuralism, and takes dubious delight in such lecture subjects as "Textuality as Striptease". The academic satire is put over with relish and John Ratzenberger's Zapp ("never go to a lecture unless you are giving it yourself") has the makings of a memorable comic performance.

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BBC1

8.20 Roobarb (r). **8.25** Saturday Starts Here with Corners (r). **8.40** Roland's Rat Race **9.05** Klasyfur. Cartoon series

9.30 **Going Live!** includes a song from Tiffany and a chance to talk to Richard Branson **12.12** **Weather.**

12.15 **Grandstand** introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus; **12.40** Boxing from London; **12.50** News; **12.55, 1.25** and **2.00** Racing from Haydock; **1.10** Bobsleigh from Cervinia; **1.40** Skiing from Leukerbad; **2.15** Squash from Jersey; **3.00** Ice Hockey; **3.50** Table Tennis from Brighton; **4.40** Final score.

5.05 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather **5.15** Regional news/sport.

5.20 **Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.**

5.45 **Jim'll Fix It.** Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixed it is an 11-year-old cricket fan who was a VIP guest at the MCC Bicentenary match at Lord's. (Ceefax)

6.20 **Hi-de-Hi!** Wedding bells chime for Gladys and Clive — despite the spoiling tactics of Clive's unhappy family. (Ceefax)

6.50 **Bob's Full House.** (Ceefax)

7.25 **The Paul Daniels Magic Show** includes archive film of the legendary magician Cardini. (Ceefax)

8.10 **Bergerac.** The Jersey detective has to co-operate with inspectors from the DTI who are investigating a business tycoon suspected of insider dealing. (Ceefax)

9.05 **News** and sport. Weather.

9.20 **Cagney and Lacey.** The lady police officers investigate a murder at an old people's home. (Ceefax)

10.10 **Carrott Confidential.** Jasper Carrott examines the idiotic.

10.45 **Film: Cross of Iron** (1977) starring James Coburn, Maximilian Schell and James Mason. Second World War drama about an ill disciplined but brave German Army NCO and his clashes with a cowardly officer obsessed with winning the Iron Cross. Directed by Sam Peckinpah. (Ceefax)

12.50am **Weather.**

BBC2

8.40 **Open University.**

9.45 **Special Liberal Assembly.** Live coverage from Blackpool of the debate on the proposed merger between the Liberal Party and the SDP.

12.40 **Open University.**

1.30 **Network East.** A new series begins with a look at dowry abuse in this country which has become a major concern. There is also a profile of prolific film star Nadeem; classical dance star Valli Subbiah; and vintage movie requests.

2.10 **He Makes Me Feel Like Dancin'.** A documentary about ballet star Jacques D'Amboise and his gala performance with some 1,000 New York children.

2.55 **The Sky at Night** (r).

3.15 **Film: A Canterbury Tale** (1944, b/w) starring Eric Portman, Dennis Price and Sheila Sim. How a land girl, an army sergeant and a GI solve the riddle of the "glueman" who terrorizes girls in a Kentish village. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

5.15 **España Viva.** Part seven (r).

5.40 **International Bridge Club.** The final stage of the rubber-bridge tournament, presented by Clare Harrison.

6.10 **The Week in the Lords.**

6.50 **NewsView** with Moira Stuart and Richard Whitmore. Weather.

7.30 **The Liberals Decide.** Highlights of the day's debates on the merger between the Liberal Party and the SDP.

8.00 **The Human Voice.** (see Choice)

9.05 **Tutti Frutti.** Part one of a comedy series about an over-the-hill Scottish rock group. Starring Robbie Coltrane (r). (Ceefax)

10.05 **Film: The Girl from Lorraine** (1960) starring Nathalie Baye. An out-of-work country girl decides to try her luck in Paris where, she discovers, advancement is more to do with sex than qualifications. Directed by Claude Goretta. English subtitles.

11.55 **Skyline** (1983) starring Antonio Resines. A comedy about a Spanish photographer trying to come to terms with New York life. Directed by Fernando Colomo. English subtitles. Ends at **1.25am**

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6.00 **TV-am.**

9.25 **TT3.** Children's entertainment **11.00** **Terrahawks** (r). **11.30** **Roxy** (r).

12.00 **The Fall Guy.** Adventures of a stuntman.

1.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong **1.05** **LWT News** and weather followed by **Saint and Greensale.**

1.35 **World Championship Boxing** from Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Heavyweight Championship of the World fight between the 21-year holder, Mike Tyson and the 38-year-old ex-champion, Larry Holmes.

2.45 **Athletics.** The Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships from RAF Cosford.

4.45 **Results Service.**

5.00 **News 5.05** **LWT News** and weather followed by **Walt Disney Presents.** Cartoon.

5.20 **Blockbusters.**

5.50 **The A-Team.** The resourceful quartet come to the aid of two sisters whose business is being threatened by a ruthless competitor (r).

6.45 **Catchphrase.** Game show.

7.15 **Film: Jaws 3** (1983) starring Dennis Quaid and Bess Armstrong. A great white shark follows a water-ski displayteam into an underwater theme park in Florida and causes mayhem. Directed by Joe Alves. (Oracle)

9.00 **New Spectacular World of Guinness Records** presented by David Frost.

9.30 **News** and sport **9.45** **LWT Weather.**

9.50 **Aspel & Company.** The guests are Joan Collins, Kenny Everett and Keith Floyd.

10.35 **The World According to Smith & Jones.** Mel and Griff investigate war.

11.05 **The Big Match.** Highlights of one of London's top games.

11.45 **World Championship Boxing.** The best of the Tyson/Holmes fight.

12.15am **Hunter.** A former film star becomes involved with gangsters. Starring Jane Russell.

1.00 **Night Network** includes video reviews, interviews, cartoons and competitions.

4.00 **Special Squad.** Crime series.

4.55 **American College Football.** Washington v Texas. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Old Country** (r). **9.55** **4 What It's Worth** (r).

10.25 **The Writing on the Wall.** Part one of a seven-documentary series about the changes in British politics during the 1970s (r). **11.35** **Dancin' Days** (r). **12.35** **Empress Wu.** Part 14 (of 65).

1.05 **Channel 4 Racing** from Kempton Park. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the 1.15, 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races.

3.05 **The Picture of Dorian Gray** (1945, b/w with colour sequence) starring Hurd Hatfield. Oscar Wilde's tale of an amoral, wealthy young Londoner who sells his soul in order to remain forever youthful. Directed by Albert Lewin.

5.05 **Brookside** (r). (Oracle).

6.00 **Right to Reply** presented by Gus Macdonald. Vivien Morgan's programme on hospital consultants in C4's series *Dispatches* is accused of misrepresenting the profession.

6.30 **News** summary and weather followed by **Anne of Green Gables — The Sequel.** The second and final part and Anne eventually wins over the opposition at her new school but tires of town life and yearns to return to Avonlea. Starring Megan Follows.

8.50 **Rise and Fall of Horatio.** Animated film from Yugoslavia.

9.00 **South Riding.** Episode three of the 13-part story about life in a Yorkshire country town during the 1930s (r). (Oracle)

10.00 **Black Forest Clinic.** The third episode of the soap opera set in a hospital in the south-west of Germany.

10.55 **Late Night with David Letterman.** Chat show from America. The guests include Teri Garr.

11.40 **Barney Miller.** Manhattan police comedy series starring Hal Linden.

12.15am **Film: The Incredible Sarah** (1975) starring Glenda Jackson, Daniel Massey and Yvonne Mitchell. A biography of the early life of the French actress Sarah Bernhardt. Directed by Richard Fleischer.

2.10 **Film: This Made News** (1971). A compilation of newsreel coverage of historical events. Directed by Terry Ashwood. Ends at **2.40.**

BBC1

8.55 **Play School** (r). **9.15** **Umbrella.** Children's religious stories

9.30 **This is the Day.** A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Greenford.

10.00 **What on Earth. . ?** With David Bellamy (r). **10.25** **Talking Business** **10.50** **Telejournal** (r). **11.20** **A vous la France!** (r).

11.45 **España Viva.** Part eight of a 15-lesson Spanish for beginners course **12.10** **Sign Extra.** A *Sporting Chance* programme adapted for the hearing impaired

12.35 **Farming.** Four Cumbrian sheep farmers and the effects of Chernobyl **12.58** **Weather.**

1.00 **This Week Next Week.** A report on the special Liberal Party Assembly. Guests include David Steel, Paddy Ashdown and Lord Grimond

2.00 **EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 **Match of the Day Live.** Arsenal v Manchester United at Highbury. **4.55** **Cartoon.**

5.05 **Fax.** Question answering series.

5.30 **Antiques Roadshow** from Bradford. (Ceefax)

6.15 **In the Know.** Programme three of the eight-part series on successful learning. (Ceefax)

6.25 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather.

6.40 **Songs of Praise** from the convict-built church of St James, Sydney. (Ceefax)

7.15 **All Creatures Great and Small.** Part two of the ten-episode series based on James Herriot's *Vet* books. (Ceefax)

8.10 **Whicker's World.** The third in the series of ten films in which Alan Whicker meets Britons who have made their life in Australia including, tonight, the entrepreneur Alan Bond. (Ceefax)

8.00 **News** and weather.

9.15 **That's Life.**

10.00 **Life Without George.** Comedy series starring Simon Cadell and Carol Royle (r).

10.30 **Everyman: The Moment of Truth.** An examination of the dilemma facing black South African Christians.

11.20 **Sporting Chance.** Brian Blessed with the longbow; Marti Caine on skis; and Paul Nicholas playing snooker (r).

11.50 **Network East** (r).

12.30am **Weather.**

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9.00 **Ceefax 9.30** **Now on Two** begins with a Bananaman cartoon (r). **9.35** **Janosch's Story Time** **10.00** **Odysseus** (r). **10.15** **The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show** (r).

10.35 **Now It's You.** Junior *Points of View* **10.40** **Blue Peter Omnibus** (r). **11.30** **White Peak Farm.** Episode two (of three) (r). (Ceefax).

12.00 **Windmill.** Clips from television programmes on the theme of money **1.00** **Dastardly and Muttley** (r).

1.10 **Horizon: Playing with Madness** (r). (Ceefax)

2.00 **Rugby Special** Highlights of Rosslyn Park v Leicester, Hawick v Selkirk and Pontypool v Swansea.

3.00 **Film: Run Silent, Run Deep** (1958, b/w) starring Burt Lancaster and Clark Gable. Second World War drama about the clash between a US submarine commander and his number two. Directed by Robert Wise.

4.30 **Music in Camera.** Benjamin Britten's First String Quartet played by the Endellion String Quartet.

5.00 **Review.** This first in a new series of the arts and media programme includes a review of Jonathan Miller's production of Racine's *Andromache*

5.40 **Ski Sunday** from Leukerbad and Bad Gastein.

6.25 **Weather to Ski?** Reports from the resorts.

6.30 **The Money Programme**

7.15 **Eyes on the Prize.** America's civil rights years.

8.10 **The Laurence Olivier Awards 1987** introduced by Russ Abbot and Julia McKenzie. Presenting these theatre awards, in the presence of Prince Edward, are Jill Gascoine, Charlton Heston, *Hinge and Bracket*, Ian McKellen and Mary Martin.

10.00 **Screen Two: Sweet as You Are** (1987) starring Miranda Richardson, Liam Neeson and Alex Pakenham. A drama about a married college lecturer who finds he is carrying the Aids virus after an affair with a student. Directed by Angela Pope. (Ceefax).

11.10 **International Snooker.** First round action in the *Benson and Hedges Masters*, from Wembley. Ends at **1.00am.**

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6.00 **TV-am.**

9.25 **Wake Up London.** **9.35** **Fraggle Rock** **10.00** **TT3.** Entertainment for the young **10.30** **The Adventures of Black Beauty** (r).

11.00 **Morning Worship** from the Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, Devon.

12.00 **Weekend World**

1.00 **LWT News 1.05** **Police 5** with Shaw Taylor **1.10** **Link** presented by Kevin Mulhern **1.30** **The Smurfs** (r). **1.45** **My Little Pony.**

2.00 **Encounter: Footloose and Cassock Free.** A documentary following six young curates at a "call group meeting" in an Exmoor cottage.

2.30 **Film: Elephant Walk** (1954) starring Elizabeth Taylor Drama about a newly-wed young woman who returns to Ceylon with her tea planter husband to live in a large bungalow built across an elephant trail. Directed by William Dieterle **4.25** **Cartoon.**

4.30 **Return of the Antelope.**

5.00 **Film: Parent Trap II** (1987) The second and final part of the Walt Disney, made-for-television story starring Hayley Mills and Tom Skerritt. Directed by Ronald F Maxwell.

6.00 **Bullseye.**

6.30 **News 6.35** **LWT News** and weather.

6.40 **Appeal** by Esther Rantzen on behalf of MIND.

6.45 **Highway.** Sir Harry Secombe visits Bishop's Stortford.

7.15 **Surprise Surprise**

8.15 **Wish Me Luck.** The second programme of the Second World War drama series about women British agents in Occupied France. (Oracle)

9.15 **News 9.25** **LWT Weather.**

9.30 **Small World.** (Oracle) (see Choice)

10.30 **The South Bank Show.** A film about Australia's Aboriginal people.

11.30 **D C Follies.** American satire.

12.00 **Australia 200.** The work of flying doctors.

1.00am **Night Network** includes rock 'n' roll.

2.55 **Film: Aces High** (1976) starring Malcolm McDowell. First World War drama about the Royal Flying Corps. Directed by Jack Gold.

5.05 **Ben Casey** (r). Ends at **6.00.**

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9.25 **Movie Mahal** (colour and b/w). Part 19 of the 23-programme series on the history of the Indian film industry.

10.00 **The World This Week.** Can Vietnam be trusted? Can Latin American countries achieve their democratic aims in the face of military pressure? And India's foreign policy.

11.00 **Pob's Programme** for children. **11.30** **The Waltons** **12.30** **APB.** Magazine series for young people presented by Gaz Top.

1.30 **Opera on Four: Boris Godunov.** Mussorgsky's musical version of a play set in 16th century Russia by Alexander Pushkin, recorded at the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow. Starring the bass Evgeny Nesterenko in the title role, Vladislav Piavko and Tamara Sinyavskaya with the Chorus and Orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre conducted by Alexander Lazarev.

4.40 **Dancing School.** An animated film from Hungary.

4.45 **Film: Le Pèlerinage** (1961, b/w) starring Danièle Délorme. A countess vows to make a pilgrimage if she overcomes her present difficulties. Directed by Jean L'Hote.

5.10 **News** summary and weather.

5.15 **The Business Programme.** George Davies, chairman of Next, talks about his battle to break into the mail-order market.

6.00 **International Volleyball**

7.15 **Galapagos.** Part two of the four-programme series on the wildlife paradise in the Pacific (r).

8.15 **The Stocks and Shares Show.** High finance game.

8.45 **The Modern World: Ten Great Writers.** Dostoevsky and his *Crime and Punishment*.

9.55 **Evening Standard Film Awards 1987** introduced by Joan Bakewell. The outstanding films and screen achievements of 1987.

10.55 **Film: Cage of Gold** (1950, b/w) starring Jean Simmons and David Farrar. Thriller about a young woman whose husband leaves her, pregnant, the day after their marriage and then returns to blackmail her and her new husband. Directed by Basil Dearden. Ends at **12.30am.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight **6.00am** Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Includes **2.00-3.00** Celluloid Rock (2) Teenage Heaven **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show (Laura Gross) **6.30-7.30** In Concert (featuring Echo and the Bunnymen) **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00** **4.00** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s (Maureen Evans) **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00pm** Inman and Friends **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Rugby Union (John Player Cup third-round ties) Racing from Haydock Park. Athletics (Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships) **6.00** The Press Gang **6.30** Juke-Box Saturday Night **7.00** Beat the Record **7.30** Love is in the Air (concert from Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes **9.30** String Sound (strings of the BBC Radio Orchestra) **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Dave Gelly **1.00** Alan Dedicoat **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather forecast **7.00** Concert: Bax (Overture to a Picaresque Comedy: *LPO*), *Liszt* arrangement of Schubert (Der Sterbeglocklein: Bingham, piano), Fucik (Florentine March: Czech PO) **7.30** News

7.35 Concert (contd): Walton (*The First Shoot suite*: London Collegiate Brass), Canteloube (Triptyque: Frederica von Stade, mezzo), Joseph Horowitz (Sonatina: de Peyer, clarinet, and Pryor, piano), Berlioz orchestration of Weber (Invitation to the Dance: Vienna SO) **8.30** News

8.35 *Schubert: Hans Leygraf* (piano) plays Sonata in B flat, D 960

9.15 The Week on 3: Malcolm Ruthven presents trailers

9.30 Saturday Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes George Pratt's guide to recordings of Bach's Coffee and Peasant Cantatas; and performances of *Mozart's Concerto in D minor*, K 466 (Bilson, fortepiano and English Baroque Soloists) and *Haydn's Mass in D minor* (Nelson) and Concerto in C, H XVII 1. Plus reviews of new recordings of Monteverdi's Orfeo and the 1610 Vespers

1.00 News bulletin



Joan Sutherland: Beatrice di Tenda, on Radio 3, 7.20pm

1.05 Talking Issue: Robert Hewison interviews Arts Minister Richard Luce, and Labour arts spokesman Mark Fisher (r)

1.30 Chilingirian String Quartet: with Steven de Groote (piano). Mozart (Quartet in G, K 387), Dodgson (Quartet No 1), Dvorak (Piano Quintet in A, Op 81)

3.15 From the 1987 Proms: Philharmonia under Sinopoli play Mahler's Symphony No 6

5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton

5.45 Critics' Forum: with Gillian Reynolds in the chair. Topics include the Radio 3 play A Sad Pavan for These Distracted Times; and Racine's Andromache at the Old Vic in London. Plus the movie Fatal Attraction

6.35 Tippett Piano Sonatas: Paul Crossley plays the No 1. Also Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue

7.20 *Romani Operas*: Bellini's Beatrice di Tenda, in two acts, with libretto by Felice Romani. Sung in Italian. Richard Bonynge conducts LSO and Ambrosian Opera Chorus. With Joan Sutherland in the title role. Cast also includes Pavarotti, Opthof, and Joseph Ward. Act two at **8.50**, with Diana Olsson reading from Emilia Romani's biography of her husband at **8.45**

10.05 Don Juan: Ronald Pickup reads the tenth instalment of the poem by Lord Byron: London

10.35 Paragon Ensemble: conductor David Davies. Sofia Gubaidulina's Jubilate; Steve Reich's Sextet; and George Crumb's Music for a Summer Evening. Makrokosmos III

12.00 News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

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5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing*: **6.10** Farming Week (Allan Wright visits Leicestershire) **6.30** Prayer **6.35** Weather

7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.50** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament

9.00 News bulletin

9.05 Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan

9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk and his team with travel and holiday news

10.00 News: Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin

11.00 News; The Week in Westminster: Peter Jenkins, of the Independent, presents a personal review of the week

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC reporters on the spot

12.00 Money Box: with Louisa Botting

12.25 The Best of British: Willie Rushton takes a light-hearted look at the British and their attitudes (3) Cricket **12.56** Weather

1.00 News bulletin

1.10 Any Questions? Joining John Humphrys are guests Edwina Currie MP, Joan Lestor MP; film-maker Roger Graef; and Des Wilson, Chairman of the Campaign for Freedom of Information. From *Bishop's Castle, in* Shropshire (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Second Edition: today's theme — phobias. Discussing them are Professor Isaac Marks, and Celia Bonham-Christie who was cured by him. Presenter: Kevin Mulhern

3.00 News; The Bridge: Play by John Hall, starring Harry Andrews as the retired Army colonel who disputes the right of a sand and gravel company to drive lorries over his beloved medieval bridge (r) (s)

4.30 Science Now

5.00 Curtain Call: Actor Ray Smith talks about his life

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news **5.50** Shipping Forecast

6.00 News, incl Sport

6.25 Citizens: Omnibus *edition of Aarthi*. With Ginnie Hole (r) (s)

7.10 Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson (s)

7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: Set to Rites, by Diana Griffiths. Comedy, set in pre-history days when women ruled the roost with a rod of iron. Cast includes Jane Hazelgrove, Neil Caple, Meg Wynn Owen; Peter Rumney, Pam Ferris and Malcolm Hebden (s)

9.00 Music in Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music, on records

9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection, led by Colin Semper

10.00 News bulletin

10.15 The Saturday Feature: The Domestic Mistake. Christina Hardyment explores 400 years of housekeeping manuals

10.45 Lord's Day: Margaret Howard meets the 2nd Baron Colwyn, dentist and trumpet-player in his own society dance band

11.00 The Big Fun Show: with Paul Merton, John Irwin and others

11.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?: Clive Anderson chairs *ad-libbed* comedy with regulars John Sessions and Stephen Fry and special guests Griff Rhys Jones and Kate Robbins

12.00 News; Weather **VHF** as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** *Programme News* **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Out in the Community **5.00** España Viva **5.30** L'Italia dal vivo

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) **6.00am** Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Sunday Oldies **3.00** Pop of the Form (Hutchesons's Grammar School, Glasgow v Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast) **3.30** Backchat **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** Ranking Miss P. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour (except **8.00pm**) Headlines **7.30am**. Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02** **4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade (Stanley Black conducts Langham Orchestra) **4.30** Cliff Adams Singers **5.00** Charlie Chester with Sunday Soapbox **7.00** The Good Human Guide **7.30** *Operetta Nights* (Nigel Douglas) **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour (from United Church, Trowbridge) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes (Alan Keith) **10.05** Songs From The Shows **10.45** Stanley Black at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz (Peter Clayton) **1.00am** Alan Dedicoat **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather forecast **7.00** A Recorder Virtuoso: recordings featuring Michala Petri. Handel's Sonata in A minor, Op 1 No 4 (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Babell's Concerto in C, Op 3 No 1, John Baston's Concerto No 2, Plus Michala Petri Trio playing Greensleeves to a Ground, The Division Flute (anon) **7.30** News

7.35 Schnabel's Beethoven Concertos: the Piano Concerto No 2 (with LPO), and Schubert's Four Impromptus, D 899 (*Schnabel, piano*) **8.30** News

8.35 Your Concert Choice: Poulenc (Stabat Mater: Lyons National Orchestra and Chorus and soprano Michèle Lagrange), Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2: Perlman, with Orchestre de Paris), Satie (Preludes *flasques pour un chien*: Rogé, piano), Fibich (Symphony No 3)

10.15 Music Weekly: Includes a talk by Rita McAllister on Prokofiev and the stage; and Jeremy Drake on the music of Darius Milhaud

11.00 From Swansea to Sydney: Wales joins in the Australian bicentenary celebrations. BBC Welsh SO under Bryden Thomson, with Howard Shelley (piano). *Malcolm Williamson* (Sinfonietta), William Mathias (Piano Concerto No 3), Elgar (Symphony No 1). Talk by novelist Alun Richards at **11.50**

1.20 Words: talk by playwright James Saunders

1.25 Fortepiano recital: Malcolm Bilson plays Haydn's Sonata in A flat, H XVI 43, and *Fantasy in C*, H XVII 4; and Mozart's Fantasy in C minor, K 396, and Sonata in B flat, K 333

2.25 Writers Talking: Paul Bailey talks to V.S. Pritchett

3.00 London Sinfonietta 20th Birthday Celebrations: from Royal Festival Hall. Conductors: Simon Rattle, *David Atherton*. With London Sinfonietta Voices, Paul Crossley (piano), Sarah Leonard (soprano). Stravinsky's ballet Agon; Harrison Birtwistle's Songs of Autumn; Messiaen's *Cedar Breaks and the Gift of Awe*; Wood Thrust; Bryce Canyon; Simon Holt's Ballad of the Black Sorrow; Weber's Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 10); Henze's Cinque Piccoli Concerti a Ritornelli

5.05 Celebrity Recital: Mieczyslaw Horszowski (piano) plays Chopin works including Impromptu in F sharp, Op 36; Mozart's Sonata in F, K 332; *Villa-Lobos works* including A mare encheu; and Liszt transcription of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

6.00 Interpretations on Record: Roger Nichols compares recordings of Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique

7.00 A Most Delightful Art: *secular music of* Renaissance Italy, performed by Consort of Musicke.

7.35 Manoug Parikian: tributa to the violinist. Recordings of Mozart's Sonata in D, K 306; and Busoni's Sonata No 1 (with Hamish Milne, piano)

8.30 Bruckner: Vienna *Philharmonic under Muti* play Symphony No 6

9.30 Don Juan: Ronald Pickup reads more pages from Byron's poem

10.00 British Music for Oboe and Strings: Allegri String Quartet, with Robin Canter (oboe). Holst's Phantasiestücke; Francis Routh's Tragic Interludes; and Elisabeth Lutyens's String Quartet No 6

10.30 Choral Evensong: from Rochester Cathedral (recorded). The organist is Barry Ferguson

11.30 Mozart: Kolisch Quartet play String Quartet in B flat, K 589 **12.00** News

Radio 4

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5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude

6.30 News: Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather

7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Local Network **7.40** Sunday. **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause (St Christopher's Hospice)

9.00 News bulletin

9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Morning Service (from St Mary's Church, Nottingham)

10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition

11.15 News Stand: Martin Wainwright explores Britain's periodicals

11.30 *Pick of the Week*: Margaret Howard presents her selection from the past week's television and radio programmes

12.15 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is actress Gemma Craven **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping

2.00 *Gardeners' Question Time*: From the Barbican Horticultural Society, London.

2.30 Australia: First of 13 drama-documentaries. Written by Mike Walker, narrated by Nick Enright (1) *In the Dreaming*

3.30 Origins: History of British cathedrals, with Malcolm Billings and Tim Tatton-Brown (2).

4.00 News; The Boyne Valley: Frank Delaney presents a portrait of a concentrated source of Irish antiquity

4.47 Even Further Up the Tyne in a Flummox: Leonard Barras reads two more of his stories.

5.00 News: Down Your Way: *Steeplejack Fred Dibnah* visits Astle Park Traction Engine Rally, Chelford, Cheshire (r) **5.50** Shipping

6.00 News bulletin

6.15 Feedback: listeners' comments about BBC programmes and policies

6.30 *International Assignment*

7.00 News; The Maestro: Jeremy Siepmann charts the history of conducting (2) The Classical Giants

7.30 Fear on 4: (4) Music Lovers, by Nick Warburton. With *Prunella Scales and Nigel Anthony*

8.00 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to thriller-writer Geoffrey Household

8.30 Never the Same Again: Jenni Mills meets Raj and Alison who had to cope with family opposition to their marriage

9.00 News; Caribbean Drift: stories from the Black experience in Britain (4) A Passage of Time, by Millie Murphy

9.15 The Natural History Programme: with Fergus Keeling **9.59** Weather

10.00 News bulletin

10.15 The Year of Dreams (new series): review of the year 1968, when the post-war generation challenged the power and ideas of their elders

11.00 In Committee (new series): News from Parliament's select committees

11.30 Seeds of Faith: John Reckley on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

12.00 News; Weather **VHF** as above except: **7.00-7.

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How Britain tackled the first day of midwinter

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deaths. A girl aged 17 was killed when the coach in which she was a passenger crashed on an icy road between Rotherham, South Yorkshire, and Sheffield. A woman aged 67 died when a bus skidded into a group of shoppers in Doncaster town centre.

A council worker driving a snow plough and a motorist pushing his car died of heart attacks at Walsall, West Midlands. A man aged 44 died of hypothermia after collapsing in sub-zero temperatures a few yards from his home near Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan. Police said the body of Mr Peter Doran, who had been drinking at a local club on Thursday night, was found early yesterday on a grass verge.

A thick blanket of snow fell from the early hours until noon yesterday, north of a line from Harwich, Essex, through Oxford and the Cotswolds to South Wales, touching the northern suburbs of London and stretching through the Midlands as far north as Manchester and South Yorkshire.

It took many people by surprise after the mild weather of the past few weeks. Police in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire and farmers in East Anglia, who were badly hit, said adequate warning had not been received from the Meteorological Office.

Weather forecasters said they had warned of snow in central and northern areas, but had not anticipated it spreading to the south Midlands.

The M1 was completely blocked for a time in Leicestershire, the northbound carriageway of the M6 was temporarily closed near Coventry and the A1 was blocked in Cambridgeshire. Hundreds of other roads were impassable. The AA said scores of accidents had taken place, mostly involving minor collisions after skids.

The main London to Sheffield rail link was blocked during the morning by drifts. *Airports at Manchester and* Castle Donnington, East Midlands, were also closed temporarily.

In Shropshire, more than 2,500 homes and businesses were hit by power cuts. Hundreds of schools were closed in all areas hit by the wintry conditions.

Balloting for the presidency of the National Union of Mineworkers, where Mr Arthur Scargill is being challenged by the moderate Mr John Walsh, was delayed in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. Treacherous road conditions caused Mr Neil Kinnock to call off a visit to hospital workers at Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Fresh snowfalls are likely to sweep north-eastwards today through the same areas affected yesterday. The Midlands are likely to be worst affected, while the southern counties may escape.

The AA said: "People should make sure their antifreeze is topped up and we strongly suggest that car engines are given a run on Sunday afternoon rather than trying them at 7am on a Monday morning after a freezing weekend."

Conditions were much improved but some minor roads in Bedfordshire, especially near Luton, were likely to remain closed, the AA added. Icy stretches were expected, particularly in the Midlands, East Anglia, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

No significant snowfalls were recorded in the south of England, but torrential rain and high winds led to power cuts at about 3,500 Kent homes after lines were blown down.



It was good news for some: Joe Aldridge, aged 13, and Joby Tyler, aged 12, happily sledging at Wymeswold, Leicestershire.



Pat Wharton had to deliver mail on foot at Wolverhampton.



At Luton airport snow-covered wings had to be swept clean.



There was an Alpine air in the Clent Hills near Birmingham.

Profits of drugs smuggler seized

The leader of a drugs ring which used young women to smuggle cannabis into England was jailed for 12 years and had £330,313 of his profits confiscated yesterday.

Nearly £500,000 of drugs money was seized from a gang of six, operating from the Broadwater Farm Estate, Tottenham, north London.

Parnell Perkins, aged 33, unemployed, was told by Judge Kenneth Cooke at the end of a three month trial at Southwark Crown Court: "There can be no doubt that you were the ring leader, the organizer."

Customs officers traced £330,000 kept by Parnell, who lived on Broadwater Farm, drove a £20,000 Mercedes car, had two holiday homes the Caribbean, bank accounts in Jamaica, Nova Scotia and England, and bought expensive jewellery.

He smuggled cannabis worth £630,000 from Jamaica using couriers hiding the drug in special girdles.

The rest of the money was held by his common law wife Brenda Cambridge, aged 26, also of Debden House, Gloucester Road, Broadwater Farm. She was jailed for seven years and ordered to pay £60,000.

Her mother, Esmine Cambridge, aged 60, of Hornsey, north London, was jailed for *two years with 15 months* suspended, for laundering drugs money. She was ordered to pay £2,500.

Perkins, who was given two years for possessing two hand guns, and Wayne Barham, aged 29, of Gloucester Road, Broadwater Farm, were found guilty of keeping a quantity of cannabis last year. Barham was jailed for two years.

Also convicted of laundering drugs money were Edriss Peters, aged 32, of Denton Road, Upper Edmonton, and Althea Fuller, aged 29, Lower Edmonton, both north London. Fuller was jailed for 12 months; Peters for 18 months and ordered to hand over £10,000 cash and jewellery.

Pregnant women may be offered Aids tests

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Sir Douglas Black, past president of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, the current president, Sir Walter Bodmer, *director of the Imperial Cancer* Research Fund, and Sir Richard Doll, emeritus professor of medicine at Oxford University, proposed the system in a letter to *The Lancet* last November.

An alternative is to introduce a national screening system in which patients would be asked by general practitioners to give a blood sample on an anonymous basis for HIV testing.

A pilot version of this scheme is to be launched in the next two months by doctors in a Medical Research Council project.

One potential obstacle has been that people would be unwilling to undergo an HIV test because it might affect their insurance or mortgage prospects.

However, Dr Tom Meade, director of the Medical Research Council epidemiology unit at Northwick Park Hospital, west London, which is setting up the pilot scheme, said yesterday that insurance companies now seemed more willing to accept people who had been HIV-tested if the tests were to help national research projects.

Howe backs private health

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health unions Nupe and Cohse.

He said that hospital strikers were unrepresentative of the nursing profession as a whole and accused union leaders of misleading and betraying their members.

But after recent controversy linking him with support for higher NHS spending and tax relief on private health insurance, Mr Moore went no further than saying the Government aimed to correct a weakness of British health services by encouraging personal provision and greater co-operation with the private sector.

Sir Geoffrey put himself alongside the Prime Minister by dismissing the "intellectual cop-out" of the "just another billion" remedy for the NHS.

Sir Geoffrey denounced the "stultifying and blinkered" debate currently taking place *about the future of health care.*

"Mention bringing more insurance into the system and you will be faced with the latest gruesome story from the USA purporting to demonstrate the risks of anything other than 100 per cent state provision.

"The fact that the US model is not the only alternative to ours, the fact that virtually every other developed country uses a combination of private insurance and national provision – those facts seldom seem to surface", he said.

Sir Geoffrey said that ways of bringing in extra money were needed to cope with rising demand.

Mrs Thatcher has so far ruled out any formal review of the financing and structure of the NHS, though exploratory work is under way at Downing Street and at the DHSS.

Meanwhile, Government sources dismissed as "unbelievable" a report that nurses were heading for a 10 per cent pay rise to be wholly funded by a subvention from the contingency reserve.

US tables superpower pact on space weapons

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conventional arms and the banning of chemical weapons, saying these were vital to the Western alliance.

The Prime Minister, echoing what Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, told Mr Reagan on Thursday, said: "We must insist on reducing conventional and chemical weapons so we still maintain the balance of forces in Europe."

In messages broadcast on prime-time breakfast television and clearly intended to encourage Senate ratification of the INF Treaty, she gave a wholehearted welcome to the agreement, and said other Nato members also fully supported it.

Mrs Thatcher had warm words of praise for Mr Gorbachov, whom she called a man who could be trusted

She said he was "a quite different leader than any other I've known in the Soviet Union. If he says he'll do anything, he'll honour it".

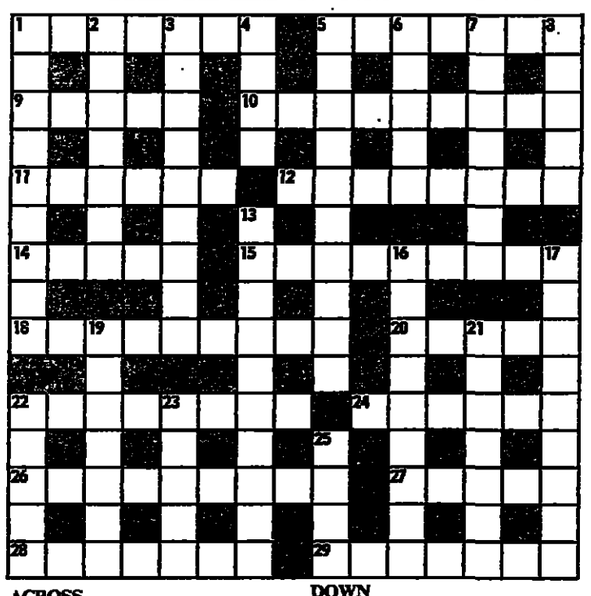
● VIENNA: Western delegates to the European security conference warned the Eastern bloc yesterday that new talks on conventional arms cuts would not go ahead unless the Soviet Union and its allies agreed to ease human contacts (Reuter reports).

Court seizes bank records

A court in St Helier, Jersey, yesterday took possession of bank and company records of Compendium Trust Company, allegedly part of a money laundering operation involving millions of dollars by a Florida lawyer for an American cocaine smuggler.

The documents will be passed to a team of Florida investigators for use in the trial of the lawyer, Mr Lawrence Freeman.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,573



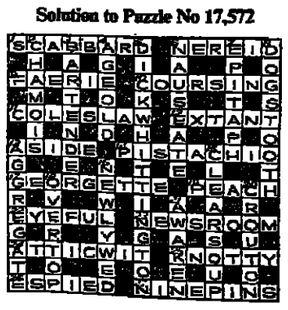
ACROSS

1 Loose painter? Abandoned (4-3)
5 Wiped floor with woollen fabric (7)
9 Found identical part reversed (5)
10 In agreement? Not I, for one (9)
11 Poison in one's ear – that can be alarming (6)
12 Trace bank for American poet (8)
14 Boxer, for example, has gym equipment (5)
15 Seeing Jack out of job, help (9)
18 It enables one to overlook obstacles (9)
20 Criticism for staff (5)
22 Cuts alternately with one's noble wife (8)
24 Union under Communist control (6)
26 Sort of metal once associated with copper (9)
27 Plants I'd removed from state (5)
28 Seagull seen here? It has wings and flies (7)
29 Bouyant actress (3,4)

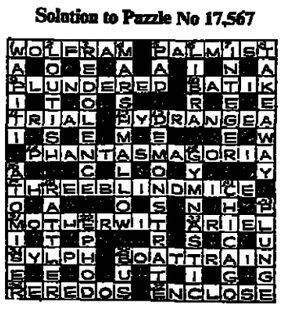
DOWN

1 Suit tribunal's member (9)
2 Mixed with cider as cocktail (4-3)
3 For example, first watches veterans (3-6)
4 *One's topped by forehead* (4)
5 City's victory over another (10)
6 Place to rest up for Joey on the way (5)
7 Terrible strain on a ruler (7)
8 Prevent animal swallowing its tail (5)
13 Practical to double number, and three-quarters? (2-8)
16 Governmental changes prior to New Deal (9)
17 Play a role and break down (4,5)
19 Asian defeat is far from unusual (7)
21 Available to customers, or about to arrive (2,5)
22 He explored Canada initially, with sort of boat (5)
23 Pamphlet followed by pronouncement (5)
25 Bribe to conceal possible source of oil (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 17,572



Solution to Puzzle No 17,567



WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

EARTH WORDS
By Philip Howard

EARTH-FLAX
a. Asbestos
b. Etiolated sphagnum moss
c. Decaying peat

EARTH-GRINE
a. A groundhog
b. Brown silicate ochre
c. An earthquake

EARTH-PIG
(a) The aardvark
(b) A kind of JCB
(c) A wood louse

EARTH-APPLE
a. The potato
b. A cucumber
c. A groundnut

Answers page 22, column 1

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs I Farrell, Egerton Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester; D Hobson, Pentre Close, Ashton, Chester; M Medley, Anselm Ave, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk; P A Smith, Danvers Rd, Hornsey, London N8, K L Tomlinson, Vancouver Dr, Newport, Gwent.

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Concise crossword, page 21

WEATHER

General situation: Fronts will move north and east across much of the country. Sleet and snow will spread north-east across many parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland although it will be later tonight before it reaches eastern parts of England. Sleet and snow in south-west England will be mainly on the higher ground with rain falling at lower levels. Scotland will have some showers but more general sleet and snow will spread into south-west Scotland later. It will *feel quite cold almost everywhere after a frosty start in many* places. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Remaining wintry with further sleet or snow in places.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; sl, sleet; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	12	54	Madrid	f	13	56
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malta	f	13	55
Algiers	c	17	63	Melb'rne	s	24	75
Amst'dm	sl	1	34	Mexico C*	s	18	64
Athens	f	12	54	Miami*	f	28	82
Bahrain	s	18	64	Milan	f	2	45
Barcelna	f	14	57	Montreal*	sn	1	34
Belgrade	c	3	37	Moscow	c	-7	19
Berlin	s	2	36	Munich	c	0	32
Bermuda*	s	21	70	Naples	f	12	54
Brussels	r	5	41	N Delhi	s	22	72
Budapst	fg	-1	30	N York*	s	9	48
B Aires*	c	21	70	Oslo	f	3	37
Cairo	f	19	66	Paris	c	7	45
C'blanca	f	18	61	Peking	s	-5	23
Chicago*	c	-2	28	Prague	c	0	32
Ch'church	f	20	68	Reykjvik	f	-5	23
Cologne	sl	5	41	Rio de J	s	33	91
C'phgn	c	3	37	Rome	s	13	55
Dublin	s	3	37	S Fr'isco*	s	9	48
Dubrovnik	f	15	59	Santiago*	s	30	86
Florence	f	11	52	Seoul	c	4	39
Frankfurt	c	5	41	Sing'por	f	31	88
Funchal	c	17	63	St'kholm	c	3	37
Geneva	sn	1	34	Sydney	s	27	81
Gibraltar	s	15	59	Tangier	f	13	55
Helsinki	sn	-3	27	Tel aviv	th	13	55
Hong K	s	23	73	Tokyo	f	17	63
Innsbrck	f	3	37	Vanc'ver*	f	5	41
Istanbul	f	7	45	Venice	f	10	50
Karachi	s	21	70	Vienna	c	4	39
L Palmas	s	20	68	Warsaw	c	-1	30
Lisbon	f	14	57	Wash'ton*	f	11	52
L Angels*	s	12	54	Wel'ton	s	17	63
Luxmbg	sn	0	32	Zurich	f	3	37

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.5	-	5	41	sunny
Bridlington	6.4	-	6	43	sunny
Hunstanton	5.5	-	5	41	bright
Cromer	6.2	.01	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	5.1	.02	5	41	sunny
Clacton	-	-	6	43	sunny
Folkestone	7.1	.02	7	45	sunny
Hastings	7.6	.02	7	45	sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	.07	7	45	sunny
Brighton	7.8	.01	6	43	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Southsea	7.7	-	6	48	sunny
Bournemth	6.8	-	10	50	sunny
Poole	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Weymouth	5.3	-	8	46	sunny
Exmouth	5.7	.01	8	46	sunny
Torquay	8.0	.01	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.3	.07	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	7.2	.01	9	48	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	.06	8	46	bright
Douglas	-	.01	5	41	cloudy
B'tsea Airpt	5.4	-	6	43	shower
Carlisle	5.1	.07	5	41	sunny
London	8.2	-	9	48	sunny
Manchester	2.5	.13	5	41	hail
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.2	-	5	41	sunny
Nottingham	3.4	.02	5	41	snow
Anglesey	4.7	.03	7	45	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.9	.08	7	45	sunny
Aviemore	3.4	.01	3	37	snow
Glasgow	2.3	.08	4	39	snow
Prestwick	2.8	.05	5	41	hail
Tiree	1.8	.12	5	41	hail
Wick	5.0	.21	4	39	snow
Belfast	4.6	.01	4	39	sunny

- Denotes figures not available
These are Thursday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.31	7.3	5.05	7.4	London Bridge	5.15	7.2	5.51	7.1
Aberdeen	4.17	4.2	4.16	4.5	Aberdeen	5.05	4.0	5.05	4.3
Avonmouth	10.10	13.7	10.33	13.1	Avonmouth	10.54	13.2	11.15	12.5
Belfast	1.44	3.4	1.59	3.9	Belfast	2.33	3.4	2.50	3.8
Cardiff	9.55	12.6	10.18	12.1	Cardiff	10.39	12.2	11.00	11.6
Devonport	8.51	5.8	9.20	5.3	Devonport	9.32	5.5	10.01	5.1
Dover	1.37	6.8	2.04	6.5	Dover	2.20	6.7	2.49	6.3
Falmouth	8.21	5.6	8.50	5.1	Falmouth	9.02	5.3	9.31	4.9
Glasgow	3.37	4.7	3.44	5.3	Glasgow	4.18	4.7	4.27	5.2
Harwich	2.23	4.0	2.56	4.0	Harwich	3.05	4.0	3.41	3.8
Holyhead	12.57	5.5	1.12	5.9	Holyhead	1.44	5.2	1.59	5.6
Hull	9.12	7.4	9.15	7.9	Hull	9.57	7.0	9.58	7.7
Ilfracombe	8.57	9.5	9.17	8.9	Ilfracombe	9.41	9.1	9.57	8.5
Leith	5.26	5.8	5.44	5.7	Leith	6.16	5.3	6.35	5.5
Liverpool	1.54	9.4	2.12	9.8	Liverpool	2.39	9.0	2.57	9.4
Lowestoft	—	—	12.39	2.3	Lowestoft	12.25	2.6	1.28	2.1
Margate	2.39	4.9	3.21	4.7	Margate	3.19	4.8	4.04	4.5
Milford Haven	9.12	7.3	9.34	8.8	Milford Haven	9.56	7.0	10.17	6.4
Newquay	8.05	7.3	8.28	6.8	Newquay	8.51	7.0	9.13	6.5
Oban	8.37	4.1	8.47	3.7	Oban	9.22	3.8	9.24	3.4
Penzance	7.57	5.9	8.29	5.4	Penzance	8.42	5.6	9.13	5.2
Portland	9.41	2.4	10.17	2.0	Portland	10.21	2.2	10.52	1.8
Portsmouth	2.12	4.9	2.20	4.6	Portsmouth	3.00	4.8	3.07	4.5
Shoreham	2.00	6.5	2.16	6.3	Shoreham	2.42	6.3	3.01	6.0
Southampton	1.36	4.7	1.45	4.5	Southampton	2.23	4.6	2.34	4.4
Swansea	9.15	9.6	9.34	9.1	Swansea	9.59	9.2	10.16	8.7
Tees	6.39	6.3	6.42	5.6	Tees	7.27	5.1	7.30	5.4
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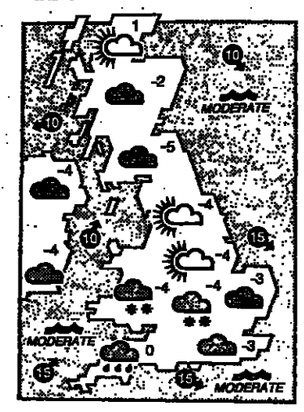
Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are GMT

TODAY — Sun rises: 7.52 am; Sun sets: 4.33 pm; Moon rises: 9.52 am; Moon sets: 10.41 pm
First Quarter January 25

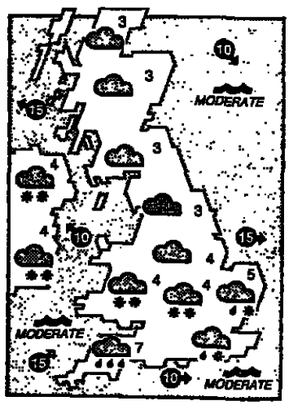
TOMORROW — Sun rises: 7.51 am; Sun sets: 4.35 pm; Moon rises: 10.04 am; Moon sets: 12.05 pm
First Quarter tomorrow

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AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F); Humidity: 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.41in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.9hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.21in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9hrs.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 5.03 pm to 7.21 am
Bristol 5.13 pm to 7.31 am
Edinburgh 4.55 pm to 7.53 am
Manchester 5.03 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 5.30 pm to 7.38 am

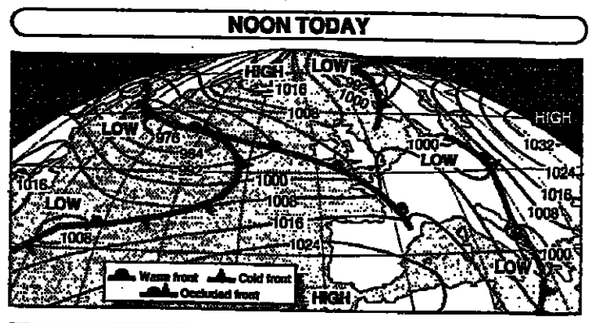
TOMORROW
London 5.05 pm to 7.20 am
Bristol 5.14 pm to 7.29 am
Edinburgh 4.57 pm to 7.51 am
Manchester 5.05 pm to 7.36 am
Penzance 5.31 pm to 7.38 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	2	36	Guernsey	f	7	45
B'mingham	c	2	36	Inverness	s	2	36
Blackpool	f	5	41	Jersey	f	8	48
Bristol	f	5	41	London	c	3	37
Cardiff	s	6	43	M'chester	c	2	36
Edinburgh	s	4	39	Newcastle	f	3	37
Glasgow	f	4	39	R'nldsway	s	5	41

NOON TODAY



THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.59	2.45	Italy Lire	2270	2160
Austria Sch	21.75	20.65	Japan Yen	237	225
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50	Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.30
Canada $	2.28	2.20	Norway Kr	11.75	11.18
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28	Portugal Esc	251	238
Finland Mkk	7.55	7.15	South Africa Rd	4.35	3.65
France Fr	10.41	9.41	Spain Pta	209	198
Germany Dm	3.095	2.935	Sweden Kr	11.12	10.57
Greece Dr	268	240	Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.38
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.60	USA $	1.855	1.765
Ireland Pt	1.167	1.107	Yugoslavia Dnr	2800	2100

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (December) London: The *FT* index closed up 17.0 at 1,421.0.

PART 2

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE 25-34
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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1421.0 (+17.0)

FT-SE 100
1770.9 (+23.7)

Bargains
28744 (25150)

USM (Datastream)
144.82 (+0.58)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7825 (–0.0135)

W German mark
2.9857 (–0.0019)

Trade-weighted
74.7 (–0.2)

Job loss total goes over 600

County merger leads to 135 redundancies

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

County NatWest Securities yesterday announced that 165 employees were being dismissed or transferred as the first step in its merger with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker it is buying from Hill Samuel. The purchase, worth about £30 million, is being finalized this weekend.

The redundancies bring the total of people dismissed in the City since the New Year – because of the fall in business after the stock market crash – to more than 600. Since last autumn more than 1,500 City redundancies have been announced, with more expected in the coming months.

While 135 employees from Wood Mac and County are losing their jobs, about 30 people involved in settlements and private client business are being moved back to Hill Samuel and the TSB Group, its owner. More cuts, however, could still be on the way.

The merged company will have 740 employees, including central support staff, compared with a total of more than 900 between the two firms before the redundancies.

The merged company will be one of the largest securities research and trading houses in the City.

Mr John Chiene, who was head of Wood Mac and is becoming chairman and chief executive of the merged company, said: "In choosing who was to stay, we wanted the best people. It doesn't matter if they wear tartan trews or not."

The redundancies were divided roughly equally between Wood Mac and County employees, he added. They are generally spread across all operations except corporate finance, and involve junior employees and a few middle managers. Emphasizing the strengths of each company, more County employees had been dismissed on the research side, while in market-making more Wood Mac people had gone, Mr Chiene said.

Under the new management structure there will be six divisions, three run by Wood Mac directors and three by County directors.

Meanwhile, another large stockbroking firm, Hoare Govett, has made seven research staff redundant. These comprise two senior analysts in the stores and breweries sectors, two trainee analysts and three support staff.

The company said the redundancies were meant to save costs which had come under pressure since the stock market crash. But Mr Bob Cowell, head of research, said: "This is the beginning and the end of cost-cutting worldwide at Hoare Govett. We do not envisage any further redundancies."

The job cuts are part of the desperate attempt by all City firms involved in the securities markets to cut costs.

The redundancies at County and Wood Mac are the first large-scale dismissals by purely British firms. The wave of redundancies began as early as September among foreign firms when Shearson Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, dismissed 150 staff and was followed with similar cuts by Salomon Brothers and Chemical Bank. EF Hutton is due to cut 350 staff when it merges with Shearson later this year.



Complaints: Francis Jurksaitis, a magistrate, who lost more than £3,200 on futures deals

DTI to investigate futures firm

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade and Industry has launched an investigation into the activities of DPR Futures, which engages in high pressure selling of futures contracts to private investors.

The investigation was ordered by the DTI under section 447 of the Companies Act, which allows the Secretary of State to examine a company's books and documents if he thinks there is "good reason to do so."

DPR is one of several futures firms that are spin-offs from LHW Futures, which at one stage had a reputation for high pressure selling.

The three founder-directors of DPR – Mr Marcus Deller, Mr David Rycott and Mr Andrew Page – all used to work at LHW Futures.

The Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers (AFBD) has received several complaints about DPR.

The Times has also received complaints from investors who have lost thousands of pounds with this futures firm.

Complaints against DPR include high pressure selling of futures contracts to unsophisticated investors and charging excessive rates of commission.

Mr Francis Jurksaitis, a magistrate, lost more than £3,200 on futures deals with DPR. He claims DPR ignored his instructions. He says he told DPR several times before agreeing to deal that he was only prepared to risk £2,000.

A DPR salesman who left the firm last year has told *The Times* how DPR operates.

He says: "They had a person there who performs the equivalent function of the person whipping the slaves on in *Ben Hur*. He shouts things like 'get on your 'phones' and often tells people to stand up because that is supposed to make them more bullish.

The former salesman also said DPR "plays trading room noises on a tape recorder in the centre of the room where the salesmen are."

According to his contract notes, Mr Jurksaitis paid commission which amounted to virtually 50 per cent of his stake. This meant he had to make almost 100 per cent profit just to stand still.

The former DPR salesmen said he was told to point out to clients who queried the commission that DPR was providing a guaranteed "stop-loss" facility for its clients, ensuring they would not lose more than their stake.

However, the cost to DPR of this facility is usually a very small element of the commission it charges. Another supposed justification was that the commission was only a small percentage of the total value of the futures contracts.

But these contracts are dealt on a "margin basis" with the client putting up a deposit or margin against the full value of the contract. DPR's commission represents a high percentage of this margin.

DPR has not answered telephone calls from *The Times* nor was there any reply from the Surrey home of Mr Page (telephone 0737 351092).

£69m sale by Smith blocked

Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, has blocked the £69 million sale by WH Smith of its half share in Britain's biggest book club, Book Club Associates. Lord Young accepted a verdict of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the disposal, to the West German publishing house Bertelsmann, was against the public interest.

Sir Simon Hornsby, WH Smith chairman, said the company was disappointed and would be consulting Bertelsmann. The news made no impact on WH Smith A shares, which closed 1p higher on the day at 329p.

The sale was to have been the key to two other deals by Bertelsmann involving BCA and another book club, Leisure Circle, which between them accounted for 70 per cent of UK book club members.

Bertelsmann, which already owns half of BCA, planned to sell on the Smith shareholding to the French Company Les Presses de la Cité. The German group also planned to dispose of half its 100 per cent holding in Leisure Circle to the French concern.

£50m raised

Brierley Investments said that it was pleased that more than half its rights issue was taken up despite the stock market crash. The issue raised NZ$135 million (£50 million), 56 per cent of the NZ$240 million sought, with more than 120,000 shareholders subscribing.

£39m call

Great Portland Estates is raising £39 million net via a one-for-four convertible loan stock issue with a 9.5 per cent coupon for its development programme.

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Verson listing

Verson International Group, the metal equipment maker, is seeking a stock market listing and at the same time is raising £1.43 million in a one-for-five rights issue of 12.5 million shares.

OFT 'will probe asset sales' if Barker wins bid for Dee

By Our City Staff

A sharp reminder that the Office of Fair Trading will be looking closely at any divestment deals entered into by Barker & Dobson comes with the official clearance of the proposed £2.02 billion takeover of Dee Corporation.

Dee has been pressing hard for a reference of the bid to the Monopolies Commission, and although it has lost that appeal, Barker & Dobson has not been given an entirely free hand to sell off Dee assets.

It is a crucial part of the takeover plan that more than £1 billion of Dee assets are sold soon after the takeover is due to be declared unconditional, and there has already been substantial interest expressed in various parts of Dee empire

After the recent White Paper from Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the takeover was considered only on grounds of its impact on competition, and not on the financial structure of the merged group as some officials are believed to have wanted.

The acquisition of Dee by Barker & Dobson creates no competition worries, but the ultimate buyer or buyers of the Dee portfolio of Gateway superstores will have to pass scrutiny.

The DTI notice says: "This proposed merger is pursuant to a plan which is said to include also the divestment of certain assets of the combined company. The divestments announced account for a substantial proportion of retail food distribution in Britain. Any such divestments would fall to be considered under the merger provisions of the Fair Trading Act in the usual way, in order to determine whether they should be allowed to proceed.

"Such consideration would need to take account of concern about the concentration of food retailing, both in the country at large and in particular parts of it. The weight given to such issues would of course depend upon who were intending buyers."

The statement could indicate that Barker & Dobson's plans to sell parcels of superstores to large groups seeking to infill in areas where they are under-represented could be delayed by competition considerations.

The full Takeover Panel is due to meet next Wednesday to consider Dee's submission that Barker & Dobson's agreement with its financing bankers will be in default if the takeover goes through. Barker & Dobson hotly disputes the calculations put forward by Dee, and the matter is also the subject of a High Court writ from Barker & Dobson.

Burnett agrees to Anglo deal

By Michael Tate

The suffering appears to be over for shareholders in the open cast coal mining group, Burnett & Hallamshire. Mr David McErlain's Anglo United coal distribution group, which aborted a bid attempt 18 months ago, has agreed to turn its 1 million tons of opencast mining over to B&H in return for effective equity and boardroom control.

At the same time Burnett will raise "substantial" new equity through a share issue which has been promised institutional support, but in which existing holders will be invited to participate.

Details of the arrangements will be published towards the end of next month. Share deals in both companies have, meanwhile, been frozen.

Anglo United, where Hillsdown Holdings has a 29 per cent stake, will have more than 30 per cent of the shares, as well as Burnett's non-mining activities, and has sought Takeover Panel exemption from making a full bid.

Guinness faces $30m action

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness is facing a $30 million (£16.8 million) legal action from former shareholders in the Renfield Corporation, the US distributor of Gordon's Gin and other Distillers products.

Lawyers acting for the Renfield shareholders are putting the final touches to a writ for damages to be issued in the High Court soon.

The shareholders include Mrs Beatrice Renfield, the daughter of the founder of the company. Renfield had a relationship with Distillers spanning almost 50 years before the takeover.

Mrs Renfield was a substantial shareholder in the company. With the other shareholders she is suing Guinness for alleged fraud. Guinness denies that it is liable and will defend the Renfield claim.

The shareholders allege that, before the Distillers takeover, members of the former Guinness management induced Renfield to part with sensitive commercial information having assured the company that its distribution arrangements with Distillers would remain intact if Guinness emerged victorious.

● Guinness accused the Takeover Panel in the High Court yesterday of showing "a remarkable lack of curiosity." It was the fifth day of its challenge to a Panel ruling that it breached the Code in the final stages of the Distillers bid. The hearing continues

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Dollar defies market jitters

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar ended a nervous week on a firm note yesterday, overcoming worries about the US trade deficit. It pushed the pound down by 1.35 cents to $1.7825.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said that central banks would continue to intervene in the markets, but denied the existence of specific target ranges for the dollar.

The dollar rose against all major currencies, gaining a pfennig to DM1.6750 and rising from Y127.25 to Y127.75 against the yen.

The next major focus for the dollar is expected to be the fourth quarter gross national product figures, next Wednesday. Analysts expect the US economy to have grown at an annualized rate of around 3 per cent, in spite of the October stock market crash.

The Chancellor, in an interview with the *International Herald Tribune*, said the dollar was still "fundamentally undervalued," in spite of its rise since the publication of the November trade figures on January 15.

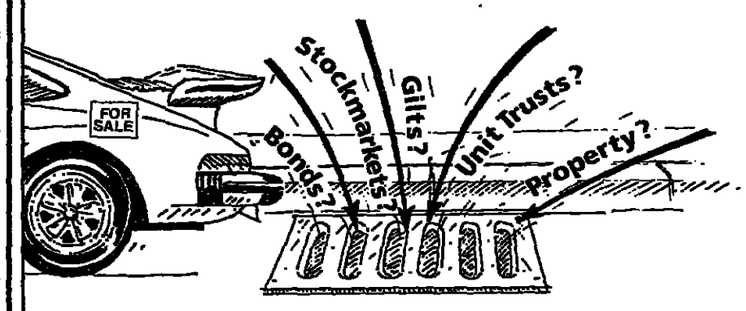
But the dollar's rise appears to have taken the steam out of Mr Lawson's criticism of US economic policy. He conceded that no further action on the US budget deficit was likely before the presidential election, and that a rise in US interest rates was not required "at the present time."

Pressure for a rise in base rates eased further in the money markets, with the three-month interbank rate ending at 8 13/16-8¾ per cent, in spite of the £4.9 billion December bank lending surge announced on Thursday.

Traders believe a rise in base rate is unlikely in the short term, unless December trade figures are significantly worse than the £400-500 million current account deficit expected by the markets.

The Bank of England announced it is making £150 million of additional index-linked stock available to the gilt-edged market on Monday.

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Young crusades to bring commerce into research

'Britain wants jobs, not medals'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday outlined a broad goal to forge stronger ties between British and US companies through joint ventures, licensing arrangements and other projects which could be facilitated informally by the Government.

During a two-day visit to Washington, in which he discussed trade relations with top American officials, the minister gave a warmly-received address to American business leaders in which he outlined the British success story over the past eight years. He noted that Britain's economic growth rate had equalled Japan's over the past three years and outpaced that of West Germany and France. Unemployment was at 9.3 per cent and declining.

Lord Young emphasized, however, that much remained to be done to increase British competitiveness, which had increased dramatically in the wake of privitization. He indicated his determination to increase the commercialization of ideas and technology developed by British universities and research centres.

To this end, he said that the Government was allocating, and would continue to allocate, increased funds to universities for important research projects provided they allow private companies to exploit and patent the results.

He told members of the US Chamber of Commerce that he had been unable to forget the exerience of an earlier visit to the US in which he met officials of a company which had successfully commercialized an idea developed in Britain. "We got the Nobel prize and you got $600 million and thousands of jobs," he said. In emphasizing the commercialization of UK research, Lord Young said that he would rather have the jobs. He added, however, that government should not be so involved in the process that it got into the business of trying to pick winners by directly underwriting corporate and private research projects.

The minister was asked whether the increased emphasis on US-UK business ties indicated that Britain was distancing itself from Europe. He denied this strongly, saying that by 1992 Europe would be one market in which Britain would be a strong player. He said the goal of a single market to break down internal barriers would result in more liberal internal arrangements which would benefit both domestic EEC companies as well as third countries.

A 'freak' in the Cabinet

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young, whose newly-launched campaign to promote "enterprise culture" is committed to fostering much wider use of computers, considers it "madness" for senior executives to regard themselves as above using a personal computer.

A self-confessed "computer freak", the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, reveals in a interview in *ComputerLand* magazine that he is never far from his own PC these days.

He says the idea that PCs are a middle-management tool and not something for senior executives is probably linked to age. "I suspect it will go with time. I'm sure there were people who resisted the telephone."

At home, Lord Young, aged 55, has a Compaq 286, while at the DTI he uses an ICL, both British machines. For travel, however, he uses a Japanese portable, the Toshiba 1000, for lightness.

Professionally, and privately, fascinated by computers since the early days of the "new" technology, he is convinced that PCs make people work faster and improve quality.

Despite his efforts to promote computers to the nation, he believes he is still the only member of the Cabinet who employs a PC extensively.

On Britain's failure to become a leader in PCs, Lord Young takes a relaxed view. "Nothing's ever lost for ever." He points to Amstrad as evidence that British firms can still succeed in this difficult market.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1891.08 (+11.77)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22876.58 (+166.32)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2422.38 (+10.06)
Amsterdam: Gen	214.1 (+1.9)
Sydney: AO	1277.5 (+0.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1246.4 (+21.2)
Brussels:	
General	3857.1 (+11.3)
Paris: CAC	258.1 (+2.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	411.0 (+2.1)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	905.54 (+11.39)
FT.–"500"	996.42 (+13.52)
FT. Gold Mines	279.9 (same)
FT. Fixed Interest	94.70 (–0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	88.69 (+0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
AC	482½p (+50p)
BOC	406p (+21p)
Cookson	544p (+22p)
Geestmer	206½p (+19p)
Land Leisure	248½p (+33p)
British Aerospace	383½p (+19p)
Marler	580p (+20p)
Really Useful	595p (+25p)
ECC	409½p (+16p)
Christies Intnl	490p (+17p)
WPP	470p (+15p)
Coats Viyella	266p (+12p)
Coalite	341½p (+19p)
FALLS:	
Parrish	355p (–20p)
McCarthy & Stone	448½p (–27p)
Trinity Intnl	665p (–27p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8¼%
3-month interbank 8 13/16-8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/32-8⅜% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6⅛/16
3-month Treasury Bills 5.78-5.76%
30-year bonds 102 11/32-102 13/32

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7825	£: $1.7825
£: DM2.9857	$: DM1.6750
£: SwFr2.4206	$: SwFr1.3570
£: FFr10.0	

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Property sales boost for A Caird & Sons

A Caird & Sons, the property investment company, made pre-tax profits in the half year to the end of December of £466,000 against only £10,000 in the previous first half. The increase came from a £407,000 surplus on the sale of properties. Net income from investment properties fell to £146,000 from £158,000.

Property rationalization will continue in the second half with lower quality properties being sold. Caird has bought three waste disposal businesses in the North Wales and Chester area and believes the outlook for this division is most encouraging. The company strategy is to maximize earnings through investing in environmental services and waste disposal and to maximize assets through investing in property. The property portfolio acquired last October will make a full contribution to the second half. The company announced an interim dividend of 1p

First-half rise for Cantors

Cantors, the house furnishings, carpets and bedding retailer, made pretax profits in the half year to the end of October of £804,000 against £598,000 in the previous first half. Turnover rose to nearly £17 million from £15.5 million. The interim dividend was raised to 0.75p from an equivalent 0.5p on the increased share capital. The company is looking forward to a satisfactory second half, says the board.

Moss Trust acquisitions

Moss Trust, the USM-quoted group formerly known as Moss Advertising, is buying Thornton and Pearson (Printers). It is offering 11 of its own shares for each Thornton share with an £8 cash alternative that values Thornton at £423,360. Moss is also paying £155,000 in shares for Security Finance Corporation, a holding company with subsidiaries involved in general insurance broking.

Shandwick purchase

Shandwick, the quoted public relations group, is paying up to £5.35 million for Canada's biggest PR firm, PIR Communications of Toronto. The deal is seen as a key step in Shandwick's strategy to build a worldwide PR network, and will improve its capacity to handle its North American clients. The initial purchase price is Can$3.85 million (£1.67 million), but provision has been made for further performance-related payments. The deal will be financed by the issue of 653,000 Shandwick shares, which are being placed at 435p apiece by Rowe & Pitman, the stockbroker.

PIR, which is though to handle some 17.5 per cent of Canada's PR business, is also the biggest shareholder, with 26.1 per cent, in Canada News-Wire, an electronic news agency servicing the Canadian financial and political communities and, through affiliates, a worldwide audience. Profits at PIR for the year ended last month are thought to have improved by 129 per cent to Can$955,000

STOCK MARKET

Equities move higher as City shrugs off jobs fears

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Many dealers made their way home for the weekend last night wondering whether they would still have a job when they return to their offices on Monday morning, but no doubt relieved that equities had ended the two-week account on a firm note.

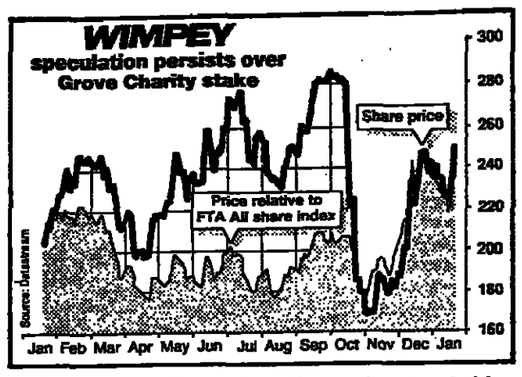
News of the redundancies at County NatWest and rumours of various other staff cuts within the Square Mile provided a depressing backdrop as share prices opened higher, helped by firmer overseas markets.

Buyers shrugged off Thursday's disappointing bank lending figures and talk that next week's industrial trends survey from the CBI will make poor reading. Prices moved higher from the outset.

The volume of business remained thin throughout the session, but market-makers were only too willing to give the bears a hard time by marking prices higher.

The rise in the dollar and a firmer start to trading on Wall Street boosted international stocks, while selective support for old bid favourites in the oil and building sectors also attracted interest.

The FT-SE 100 share index stood more than 30 points higher at one point before closing 23.7 points up at 1,770.9 on the day, but still 2.5 points lower on the account. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 17.0 points higher at 1,421.0, just 3.5 points lower over the two-week period.



Gilt-edged securities took Thursday's gains a stage further. They closed with rises ranging to nearly £½ as dealers continued to take the view that interest rates will remain at current levels for the time being and that public spending will not be increased in the March 15 Budget.

P&O deferred shares advanced 13p to 548p, helped by a "buy" note from James Capel, the broker. Capel has been taking a close look at the group following the news that the insurers of the hull of the ill-fated Herald of Free Enterprise have finally reached a settlement. No figures have been released but Capel says it is likely to be less than the full cover of £25 million after P&O took the decision to scrap the vessel.

Capel reckons the decision of the insurers to accept the validity of the claim must put pressure on the British and Belgian authorities not to pursue a corporate prosecution and may help to end much of the uncertainty for P&O.

The broker is now looking for pretax profits of £265 million for the year just ended compared with £174.1 million in 1986 and claims it could provide a boost to the share price. The only cloud on the horizon is the prospect of strike action by crews on some of the cross-Channel operations because of new manning levels being proposed. But Capel still thinks the shares are undervalued.

BAT Industries, which is urging Farmers, the US insurance group, to reconsider the rejection of its £2.3 billion bid, rallied another 4p to 423p.

Earlier this week, the group met institutions with a warning on expected losses at its Eagle Star subsidiary in the wake of the hurricane which swept Southern England in October. But some brokers claim the analysts have overdone their downgradings.

Figures from the National House Building Council show that housing starts in Britain have reached their highest levels for 14 years.

This helped George Wimpey to a rise of 16p at 253p. Sentiment was also helped by renewed speculation that the Grove Charity Management is on the verge of selling its 35 per cent interest in the company.

Rival Barratt Developments closed 5p higher at 180p in sympathy.

Still in the building sector, Magnet, the kitchen furniture maker and retailer, enjoyed a 16p rise to 214p as bid speculation was revived and more than two million shares changed hands.

Takeover stories on Burmah continued. The shares advanced 15p to 483p — for a two-day surge of 41p — with more than two million shares traded. There has been talk that Pennzoil, the American group, is building up a stake.

BP was chased to 261p, at one stage, before closing 6p higher at 258p on a turnover of 12 million shares. The Kuwait Investment Office has been buying more shares and now holds 18.9 per cent

● Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is urging clients to keep a close eye on Martin Ford, the former retailer which is now a USM-quoted property company. It is bullish about Martin in view of its 20-year property development programme. The price finished 1p lower at 87p.

NEW YORK

Dow edges higher in early trading

(Reuter) — Wall Street stocks were higher over a broad area in early trading yesterday with blue chips up moderately.

Brokers said light buying was prompted by a firming dollar and the stock market's firm close on Thursday, overcoming early selling. They said rises abroad in US stocks also helped.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after climbing 15 points to 1,894, was up 10.28 to 1,889.59 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 4.0 to 741.57 and the utilities average up 1.01 to 179.65.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index showed a rise of 0.70 at 137.67 while Standard & Poor's 500-share index gained 1.36 at 244.50.

Advancing shares had a three-to-one lead over declining issues in moderate trading.

Early active issues included Johnson and Johnson, up 2⅛ to 76⅞ following a rise of three on Thursday. The company said a derivative of vitamin A was effective in treating skin aged by the sun.

● Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corporation announced fourth-quarter net earnings of $106.7 million (£59 million) from continuing operations against a loss of $382.5 million in the comparable period.

TOKYO

Late buying helps lift index by 166 points

(AP-Dow Jones) — Tokyo share prices ended the afternoon session up 166.32 points as a flurry of buying in real estate, construction and warehouse stocks helped boost the index near the close.

The Nikkei index of 225 selected issues, which fell 132.88 points on Thursday, gained 166.32 points to close at 22,876.58.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange's first section index rose 14.38 points, or 0.80 per cent, to 1,821.51, while the second section index rose 16.66 points, or 0.67 per cent, to 2,505.45, on a volume of 25 million shares, up from 20 million shares the previous session.

One trader said the market's rise "looks a bit engineered," occurring as it did mainly in issues that make up a large part of the index.

"We hear major Japanese brokers are getting frustrated with the market's inability to rise above the 23,000 level," he said. "If, indeed, the big brokers wanted to lift the market, boosting these shares would be a good way to do it."

WALL STREET

	Jan 21	Jan 20		Jan 21	Jan 20		Jan 21	Jan 20
AMR Cp	32¾	33	Firestone	29⅝	31⅞	Pepsico	32½	31½
ASA	47⅞	47⅝	Fst Chicago	20⅝	20⅝	Pfizer	50⅜	51⅛
Aetna Life	45	45⅝	Fst Int Bncp	41⅜	41⅜	Phelps Dod	37⅝	38⅛
Allied Signal	29⅝	30	Fst Penn C	6⅞	6⅝	Phillip Mor	82⅝	82⅝
Allis Chim	1⅛	1⅛	FT Wachva	35⅝	35⅞	Philip Pet	12⅜	12⅜
Alcoa	42	41⅛	Ford Motor	41⅞	40⅝	Polaroid	23⅜	23⅝
Amax Inc	18⅛	17⅝	GAF Cp	43⅛	43⅞	Primerica	24⅜	24⅜
AMR Hess	25⅜	25⅞	GTE Cp	35⅜	35⅝	Procr Gble	82⅝	83⅜
Am Brands	46⅛	46⅜	Gen Cp	20⅝	21	Pub S E G	24	24
Am Cynmd	43⅝	44⅛	Gn Dynam	49⅛	49⅛	Raytheon	65	65⅞
Am Ele Pwr	27⅜	27⅞	Gen Electric	43⅜	43⅝	Rynlds Metl	39⅛	40⅛
Amexs	25⅛	25	Gen Inst	28⅜	29	Rockwell Int	16½	16⅝
Am Family	13⅞	13⅜	Gen Mills	48⅝	49⅝	Royal Dutch	108⅜	108⅞
Am Home	73⅜	73⅜	Gen Motors	60⅝	61⅛	SFE Sopec	44⅜	44⅞
Am Int Grp	59	58½	Gen Pub Ut	29⅜	29	Sara Lee	35⅜	35
Am Stand	35⅞	36⅛	Genesco	3⅛	3⅛	Schlumb	29	29⅛
Am Telph	27⅛	27⅞	Georgia Pac	31⅜	31⅛	Scott Pap	65⅝	65⅞
Amoco Cp	69⅜	70	Gillette	33⅜	33⅝	Seagram	52⅝	53⅜
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝	Goodrich	40	39⅝	Sear's Roeb	33⅞	33⅝
Asarco Inc	21⅜	21⅛	Goodyear	56⅝	57⅛	Shell Trans	73⅛	71⅛
Ashland Oil	55⅜	55	Gould Inc	11⅛	12⅝	Singer	48⅞	49⅛
Atl Richfld	70⅛	69⅛	Grace Co	24⅝	24⅝	Smith Beck	53⅜	52⅞
Avon Prod	24⅜	24⅛	Grt Atl Pac	32⅝	32⅝	Sony Cp	37	36⅝
Bk Boston	22⅝	22⅝	Greyhnd	27⅞	27⅛	Sth Cal Edi	31⅛	31⅜
Bank NY	28½	29⅛	Grumman	18⅜	19	SW Bell	35⅛	35⅜
Bankamer	8⅜	8	Gulf & West	69⅞	69⅝	Squibb	59	58⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	30⅞	30	Heinz	39⅛	39	Sterl Drug	79	76⅝
Baxter	24	22⅝	Hercules	47⅞	47⅞	Stevens JP	29⅝	29⅛
Beth Steel	17	16⅛	Hewlett Pk	62⅜	62⅛	Sun Comp	49⅞	50⅛
Boeing	41⅛	42⅛	Honeywell	56⅝	57⅛	TRW Inc	47⅞	48
Boise Casc	38⅛	37⅞	IC Ind	30⅝	31	Teledyne	292⅞	289
Borden	48⅝	48⅞	ITT Cp	45⅝	46	Tennaco	39⅜	38⅝
Bristl Meyr	49⅜	49	INCO	20	20⅛	Texaco	39	38⅛
BP	54⅝	53	Ing Rand Wt	32	32⅝	Tex Eastn	27	25⅞
Brunswick	15⅜	15⅛	Inland Steel	28⅛	28⅝	Texas Inst	44	44⅛
Burl Nth	63⅝	62⅞	IBM	110⅜	110	Tex Util	29⅛	28⅞
CBS	151½	152	Int Paper	38	37⅝	Textron	22⅝	22⅝
CMS Engy	13⅜	13⅜	Irving Bk	54⅛	53⅜	Travelers	36⅛	36
CPC Int	41⅛	42⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	74⅜	71⅛	USG	27	27⅛
CSX Cp	29⅝	28⅞	K-Mart	30⅝	29⅝	USX Cp	30⅜	30⅛
Camp Soup	26⅝	25⅞	Kaisertech	10⅞	10⅜	Unilever Plc	34⅛	34
Can Pacific	17⅞	17⅝	Kerr McGee	35⅞	34⅛	Un Carbide	20⅛	20⅛
Caterpillar	58⅜	58½	Kimbrly Clrk	48	47⅜	Un Pac Cp	52⅞	53⅛
Carol SW	22⅝	21⅞	Kodk	51⅛	50⅛	Unisys Co	31⅛	30⅝
Champion	31⅞	31⅛	Kroger	25⅞	25⅜	Utd Brands	43⅛	44⅛
Chase Man	21⅛	21⅛	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅛	Utd Tech	34⅜	34⅛
Chem NY	20⅝	20⅝	Liton	68⅜	68⅛	Unocal	29⅜	29⅛
Chevron	41⅛	40⅝	Lockhead	35⅛	35	Walter Jim	n.a	n.a
Chrysler	25⅛	24⅛	Lucky Str	24⅛	24⅛	Warn Lamb	74⅝	75⅜
Cincorp	18⅝	18⅝	Man H'nwr	19⅜	19⅛	Wells Far	48⅛	47⅛
Clark Eq	23	23⅝	Manville	2⅛	2⅝	Westg El	48⅜	48⅝
Coca Cola	36⅞	37	Mapco	46⅝	47	Weyerhsr	35⅞	35⅞
Colgate	40⅝	41⅛	Marriott	29⅜	29⅛	Whirlpool	25⅛	25⅛
Columb Gas	30⅛	30⅛	Mt Marrieta	43⅝	43⅜	Woolworth	35⅞	35⅞
Cmbr'n Eng	23⅝	23	Masco	22⅜	22⅜	Xerox Cp	55⅝	55⅞
Cmwlth Ed	29⅞	29⅞	Mcdonalds	42⅝	42⅝	Zenith	14⅛	14⅛
Cons Edis	44⅛	44⅜	McDonnell	50⅝	50⅝			
Consol Ng	36⅜	36⅛	Mead Cp	31⅛	30⅛			
Cont Data	20⅝	20⅝	Merck	147⅝	45⅛			
Corning Gl	47⅛	47⅛	Minsta Mng	56⅞	57			
Crane	20⅛	21	Mobil	40⅛	39⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	50⅝	51	Monsanto	74⅜	77			
Data Gent	24	23⅞	Morgan Jp	32½	33			
Deere Co	33⅝	34⅞	Motorola	40⅝	40⅛			
Delta Alrl	38⅜	38⅜	NCR	54½	54⅝			
Detroit Edl	14⅛	14⅛	NL Indstrs	6⅛	5⅝			
Digital Eq	116⅝	115⅞	Nat Distil	n.a	n.a			
Disney	57⅞	57⅞	Nat Md Ent	18	18⅛			
Dow Chem	79	77⅞	Nat Semi	10⅝	10			
Dresser Ind	22⅜	22⅞	Norfolk Sth	25⅛	25⅝			
Dupont	77⅞	78⅛	NW Bancrp	39⅝	40			
Duke Pwr	45⅝	45⅞	Occid Petl	24⅞	24⅞			
East Kodak	49	48⅝	Ogden Cp	25⅞	25⅝			
Eaton Cp	73½	74⅛	Olin Cp	40⅝	40⅝			
Emerson El	31⅛	31⅛	PPG Ind	31⅛	32⅛			
Emery Air	6⅞	7⅛	Pac Gas El	16⅝	16⅝			
Enron	38⅝	38⅞	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜			
Farah Inc	7	6⅞	Penney JC	38⅞	39			
Fedders	7	6⅝	Pennzoil	68⅛	68⅝			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	20½	21
Alcan Alum	34	34⅜
Algoma Stl	14.75	14.82
Can Pacific	22⅛	22⅛
Comnco	13⅜	13⅜
Con Bathrst	16	17⅜
Hawk S Can	20⅛	20⅛
Hud Bay M	18⅜	18⅝
Imasco	24⅛	24⅛
Imperial Oil	56⅝	56⅞
Int Pipe	42⅞	43
Royl Trstco	13⅜	13⅜
Seagram	67⅜	68⅜
Shelco 'A'	38	38⅛
Thmsn N 'A'	26⅝	25⅝
Varity Cp	3.35	3.40
WCT	16⅛	16⅛
Weston	31⅛	31⅝

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	3,064	Costs	714	Land Sec	1,220	Rowntree	709
Allid-Lyons	828	CU	781	Laporte	19	Royal Bank	643
Amstrad	1,679	Cons Gold	642	L&G	811	Royal Ins	444
ASDA	1,089	Cookson	496	Lloyds	1,982	Saatchi	746
AB Foods	240	Courtaulds	1,239	Lonrho	839	Sainsbury	1,735
Argyll	1,224	Dalgety	183	Lucas	755	Scot & N	696
BAA	4,472	Dee	10,992	Magnet	2,288	Sears	6,831
BET	774	Dixons	4,741	M&S	8,832	Sedgwick	627
BTR	2,641	ECC	1,362	Maxwell Cm	582	Shell	967
BAT	3,655	Enterprise	759	MEPC	932	Smith & N	1,997
Barclays	2,175	Ferranti	2,773	Metal Box	1,501	STC	2,135
Bass	383	Fisons	2,291	Midland	3,741	Stan Chart	456
Beecham	1,275	Gen Acc	135	NatWest	924	Storehse	2,364
Beazer	157	GEC	4,394	Next	2,764	Sun Alliance	251
BICC	382	Glaxo	1,309	Nth Food	411	T & N	515
Blue Arrow	2,405	Globe	240	P&O	1,550	Tarmac	1,703
Blue Circle	1,005	Granada	1,370	Pearl	151	Tate & Lyle	122
BOC	2,320	Grand Met	1,465	Pearson	563	TSB	3,866
Boots	4,994	GUS 'A'	185	Pilkington	3,444	Tesco	2,111
BPB	1,133	GRE	42	Plessey	3,965	Thorn EMI	994
Br Aero	2,837	GKN	108	Prudential	260	Trafalgar	743
Br Airways	3,559	Guinness	24,824	Racal	2,816	THF	2,731
Br Comm	831	Hamm 'A'	52	Rk Hovis	74	Ultramar	3,966
Br Gas	16,828	Hanson	5,539	Rank	377	Unigate	1,323
Br Petrol	12,438	Hawker	924	R&C	12	Unilever	2,359
Br Telecm	3,102	Hawley	4,447	Redland	846	United Bis	1,544
Britoil	4,075	Hillsdown	1,377	Reed	889	Utd News	641
Bunzl	458	IMI	534	Reuters	362	Wellcome	1,134
Burmah	2,210	ICI	2,820	RMC Gp	165	Whitbrd	702
Burton	1,614	Jaguar	1,345	RTZ	1,167	Wills Fab	1,660
C&W	5,572	Lasmo	1,070	R-Royce	1,924	Woolworth	4,605
Cadbury	1,101	Ladbroke	704	Rothmn 'B'	352	Equities page 29	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 18	January 29	April 21	May 3

Call options were taken out on: 22/1/88 BOMS, Maxwell Communications, BAT Industries, Wimpey, Dixons, Holmes Protection, Martin Ford, Control Securities, Magnet & Southerns, Sound Diffusion, Norfolk Capital.
Put & Call: Amalgamated Financial, Dixons.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

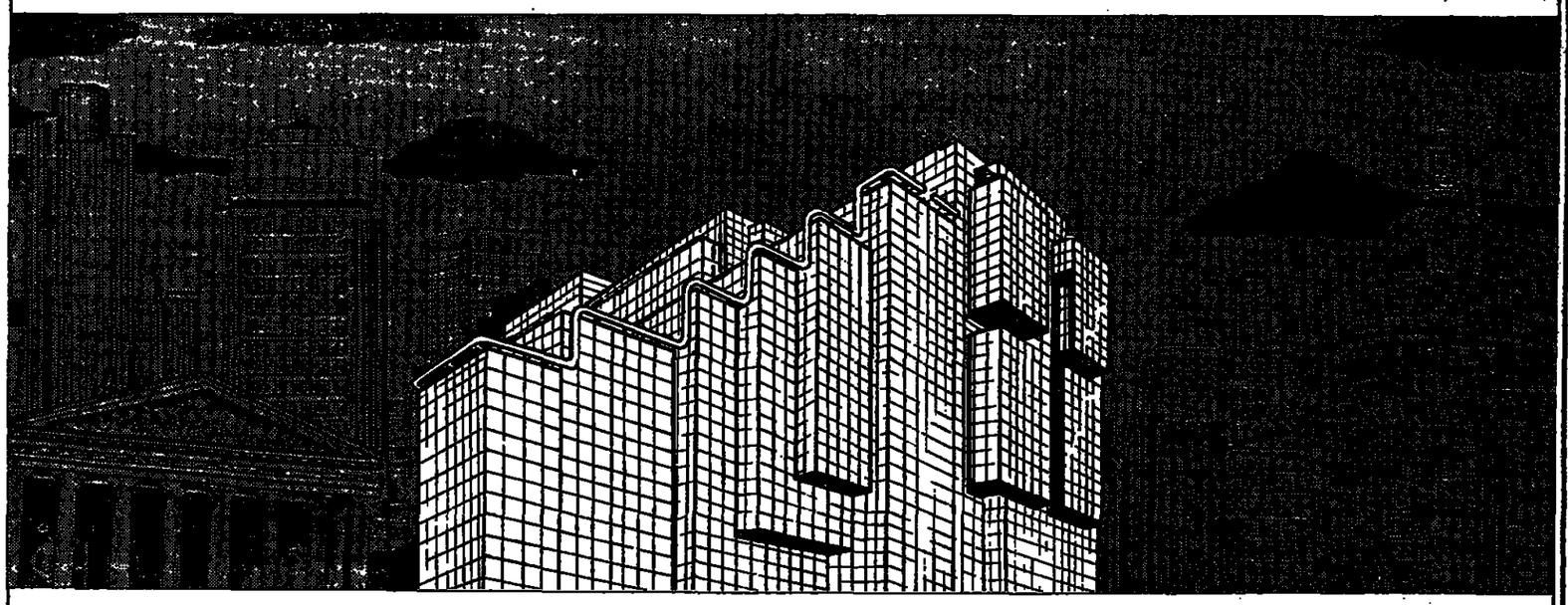
Ald. Restaurants	60 +2
Ass Henriques 71hp	72
Brit Pet P/P	75 +3
City Grove (100p)	109
Eurotunnel	241
Eurotunnel Wrnts	14½
Firstland	58 +4
Fairway London	80
Hard Rock Cafe	111
Do 'A'	69 –4
Hatfield Est (100p)	111
How Group	71 +2
ISA Intl (80p)	106
Intl Colour	98 +2
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	150
Mayne Nickless	185 +7
Mowat	34 +1
Nestor-BNA (75p)	86 +1
Power Corp	105
Record (98p)	60 +2
Sec Archives	160 +2
Shaftsbury (180p)	133
Shorco	117 +4
Sykes-Pickavant	119 –1
TGI (130p)	135 –1
Tomorrows Leisure	31
Tubular Exhib	22 +1
URS Intl	56 +1
USDC Inv	116 +1
Wilshaw Secs	26

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cluff Oil N/P	
Gr West 6% N/P	
Michael J N/P	
Sharpe & Law N/P	10
Wheway N/P	¼

(Issue price in brackets).

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CBI warns against ignoring potential in manufacturing

By Colin Narbrough

The Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that manufacturing held the key to Europe's economic future. It also warned the British and other EEC governments against ignoring manufacturing and relying on services for growth.

Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, speaking at the Policy Studies Institute, said this was part of the message his organization wanted to convey in its drive for a decade of investment to close the gap between British industry and its European rivals and maintain the momentum of recovery.

In an attack on the Thatcher Government's emphasis on the better growth potential of the service sector, he said Europe could not afford not to apply the advanced manufacturing approaches vital to product quality, the ability to respond rapidly to market demand and cost competitiveness.

The conclusion some had drawn, that growth in the service sector meant manufacturing could safely be ignored, was "dangerous" if the EEC was to generate the wealth people expected.

Mr Banham said manufacturing and services were interdependent. "For a trading bloc like Europe the contribution of the manufacturing sector to total exports and import substitution is vital and could never, realistically, be wholly replaced by the service sector."



Banham: vital contribution

Manufacturing provided 37 per cent of Britain's total exports in 1986, double that of the service sector, despite a decade of slow growth in British manufacturing.

Business and Government should together take every step to bring about a decade of investment, he said. "We have built a platform for growth; now we must use it – by investing in the technology, infrastructure, plants and people that will be need to be competitive in the year 2000."

Last week's proposal from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to bring outside expertise and manufacturing technology to small and medium-sized businesses was a welcome move, as there was no time to lose in securing wider appreciation of available manufacturing technology, Mr Banham said.

He listed the priority tasks for business and Government in an overall strategy for keeping up the economic momentum:

- to reform secondary education to equip the young better for work;
- to establish closer ties with higher education to increase the numbers of science and engineering graduates and bring more young people into the wealth-creating sector;
- to improve skills training to overcome shortages and rising costs;
- to turn management into a profession;
- to encourage more investment in R&D and advanced manufacturing techn[illegible]
- to pe[illegible]nd local go[illegible]think British" and reduce unnecessary imports;
- to attract private funding into public infrastructure investment to revitalize the inner cities; and
- to keep down taxes on business, including rates, power and water prices.

Sears in mail order bid win

By Alison Eadie

Sears, the retailing group whose empire covers Selfridges, the British Shoe Corporation, Olympus sports chain and Mappin & Webb, has won its £477 million bid for Freemans, the mail order company.

By yesterday's 1pm deadline Sears owned or had won acceptances for 56.2 per cent of Freemans' equity. The victory marks the end of a 16-year on-off attempt by Sears to break into mail order.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the Sears chairman, said he was delighted the offer had been successful. He met the Freemans board yesterday afternoon and said he was looking forward to a harmonious relationship with the directors.

Freemans said it was naturally disappointed, but shareholders had given their verdict and the board would now get down to working with Sears.

For the moment it appears the Freemans directors will be staying on. Mr Ralph Aldred, the managing director, was due to step down this year and hand over to Mr Michael Hawker, his deputy.

Freemans largest shareholder, Great Universal Stores, with 9.2 per cent, did not accept the Sears bid. It is the largest mail order company in Britain with about 42 per cent of the market. Freemans is third with 14 per cent, behind Littlewoods with 24 per cent.

Sears plans to sell its branded names, including Selfridges, Miss Selfridge, Wallis and Olympus, through specialogues (special catalogues) to home shoppers. Freemans has about 700,000 agents, mainly concentrated in the South-east.

Airbus Industrie braces itself for economic turbulence



KENNETH FLEET

The days of Airbus Industrie – half myth, half marketing and central sales organization – may be numbered. Not, I hasten to add, the Airbus itself, although it too is facing formidable commercial problems, but the artful structure devised by the French to combine the principle of partnership and the privilege of not having to publish accounts.

Governments and their expert advisers, including our own, have this week embarked on an examination of AI with a view to finding a better structure to embody the major civil aircraft efforts of the four participating countries: France (Aerospatiale, which has 37.9 per cent of the partnership's shares); West Germany (Deutsche Airbus, also 37.9 per cent); Britain (British Aerospace, 20 per cent); and Spain (CASA, 4.2 per cent).

It is just conceivable that the consortium may turn into a genuine European corporation in time to celebrate the European Economic Community's second coming on January 1 1993. If nothing more AI should lose its shadowy identity. As Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, shrewdly observed: "It would be helpful to know who is running Airbus, as well as to see some accounts." A sentiment no doubt shared by every airline negotiating with the Airbus consortium.

Formal structures, however, are the least of AI's problems, as Professor Roland Smith, recently inducted into the chair at British Aerospace, vacated by Sir Austin Pearce, eloquently testifies. It is hard to know whether BAe has ever made any money from Airbus, or indeed expected to do so before the mid-1990s.

"Tin" Pearce agreed to join AI, as part of BAe's wider involvement in civil aircraft, "in case peace should ever break out." As a major AI contractor (for the wings), BAe negotiates at arm's length and it also receives a share of the proceeds from Airbus sales.

But as a latecomer to the partnership BAe has to help offset losses made in the early years when the original A300 was a very slow seller.

The past, however, is largely academic. It is the devastation caused by the falling dollar and the extra muscle a cheap currency gives to American competitors, notably Boeing, that is frightening the life out of AI. Civil aircraft sales are normally in US dollars and any losses come straight off the bottom line. Of BAe's interim loss of £50 million in civil business probably half can be put down to AI. The West Germans are screaming at the rising cost of their share in the enterprise. Government subsidies are mounting as the dollar falls and the cost of the new A330 and A340 Airbus programmes looks more terrifying by the day. The French, despite their determination to be independent of the US in aircraft as in most other things, are becoming more rational in their approach, the Spaniards more doleful in theirs.

Reduced circumstances have induced humility at AI. No more talk of undercutting Boeing; instead earnest expressions by Jean Pierson, the chairman and chief executive of AI, of wanting to co-operate in developing with McDonnell Douglas a possible rival to Boeing's wide body 747, and perhaps setting up a production line in the US for the A320.

Domestically, the dollar's decline has firmly implanted Roland Smith on the horns of a painful dilemma. After his successful seven years' war in defence of House of Fraser against the onslaught of Roland "Tiny" Rowland, he may again find himself under siege at British Aerospace – when BAe is in poor financial shape.

How poor was made clear to City analysts this week. They were told the company, at the beginning of a fundamental management change, was preparing to take foreign exchange losses on the chin. As this blood-curdling approach could mean provisions of up to £200 million, BAe shareholders may be looking at a loss after tax for 1987. This straightforward, no-nonsense attitude is characteristically Roland Smith. The smooth, or rather smoothing, financial strategy of recent years has gone. If the emerging management team does not crack, his craggy northern approach could pay off.

Ironically, the feeling towards the company has already improved. True, this may be due in part to the thought that Lord Weinstock might again be tempted to discover whether BAe, even with a civil division weighed down with costs and only a distant prospect of profit, is biddable. The real moral of the story, underlined on Thursday for the benefit of Americans by Sir John Harvey-Jones, is the painful adjustment process in manufacturing industry to overvalued exchange rates. "Currency fluctuations are here to stay," said the seer of Millbank, "and they can take out the profit."

Panel swinging on a legal pendulum

It has been painfully clear for more than a year that in the name of deregulation the City is about to be regulated far beyond its own good as a domestic financial centre and in the eyes of the rest of the financial world.

The Securities and Investments Board, no doubt believing it is acting only according to Parliament's brief, has been so zealous in its legalistic approach to rule-making that no less a figure than the Governor of the Bank of England felt compelled to warn the new regulators that they were pushing the regulatory pendulum too far in the direction of cloying rigidity. Whether Robin Leigh-Pemberton's words have had any effect is difficult to judge.

Although the City does not have an unblemished record, both before and since the Parkinson-Goodison agreement and "Jim" Gower's seminal report on Investor Protection, London's major markets have operated to a remarkably high standard of honesty and fair dealing under a regime largely of self-regulation.

In that regime the Takeover Panel has played an honourable and effective role. It represented City pragmatism and integrity at their best. If you needed proof of that statement you had only to follow the proceedings in the High Court this week prompted by Guinness's challenge to a Panel ruling on the Guinness bid for Distillers. The Panel decided the company was in breach of the Takeover Code when it acquired 10.6 million Distillers shares the day before Guinness finally succeeded, on the grounds that Pipetec, a subsidiary of Bank Leu, which acquired the shares, had acted in concert with Guinness.

It will be a sad blow to a diligent and thorough organization if the court decrees otherwise.

Landleisure on target for £17m in full year

By Michael Tate

At 8 am on Good Friday, April 1, the first of what Mr Peter de Savary hopes will be a million tourists a year will step inside the complex he is putting together at Land's End, Cornwall, and begin paying off the £10 million investment his Landleisure group has committed.

It will clearly make little contribution to the figures for the current year, which ends on April 30, but Mr de Savary believes it will not be too long before it is in profit. "Everyone who comes will spend, on average, £5 and we reckon to attract 1 million of Cornwall's 16 million annual visitors," he says.

Landleisure, the company he has constructed out of the former Alfred Walker property shell, where he first took a stake last May, has turned in half-year profits of £8.12 million for the six months to end-October, compared with £4.63 million, a notional figure that assumes that the acquisitions made subsequent to the take-over, were owned in the first half of last year.

Turnover for the six months was £22.98 million, against £13.54 million, and, after stripping out the tax charge, earnings are worth 13.2p a share, permitting a 2.5p interim dividend.

The biggest individual contributor was Aspinalls, the casino business, which chipped in £3.5 million, with more "middle market" players coming in, said Mr George Martin, the chief executive.

But Mr de Savary is aiming for the day when the casinos provide no more than 10 per cent of group profits.

The Neilson Travel business and the Hotel Burstin at Folkestone, Kent, – ideally placed for the Channel Tunnel – provided £1.3 million, giving an overall leisure profit for the six months of £4.8 million.



Frantic year: George Martin (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Of the remaining £3.3 million, £2.6 million was from profits on investments that came in with the Aspinalls purchase, and £700,000 from the Green Lane and Surrey Park Homes property activities.

Much of this will be tidied up by the year-end, when the profit will include contributions from the company's Swindon, Wiltshire, development and from the Falmouth, Cornwall, venture, where plans for a marina, housing and hotel development have now been approved, as well as full six months from the Burstin Hotel.

Analysts are already pencilling in £17 million as a conservative pretax profit figure for the year.

More acquisitions in the property-backed leisure field are promised, and something can be expected between now and the year-end, says Mr Martin, who described the first year as "frantic."

Landleisure has cash and near-cash of £13.4 million.

Borthwicks rebuffs AMH offer

By Alison Eadie

Borthwicks, the food manufacturer, is sticking to its original plan to sell its Australian and Japanese meat operations to Teys Bros, a private Australian company, for about £10.2 million.

It has decided not to recommend the rival and higher offer from Australian Meat Holdings, the company owned 25 per cent each by Elders IXL, Metro Meat (part of Adelaide Steamship), Smorgon Group and Tancred Brothers Industries.

Borthwicks said that while the counter-offer from AMH was ostensibly more attractive, it was conditional upon obtaining regulatory consents that were subject to substantial uncertainty.

Borthwicks added that it was unfortunate that the press advertisements issued by AMH did not draw attention to the uncertainty surrounding its offer. AMH earlier this week took the unusual step of advertising its case in four national newspapers, including *The Times*, urging Borthwicks shareholders to vote against the sale to Teys at the extraordinary meeting of shareholders next Tuesday.

AMH had asked Borthwicks to postpone the EGM, but it did not inform Borthwicks it was taking out national advertising.

The regulatory consents could come through from Australia on Monday, in time for the EGM. AMH's offer is 16 per cent higher than Teys'.

BHP could be blocked

From Richard Battley, Sydney

The Aus$6 billion (£2.4 billion) restructuring plan for Australia's largest company, BHP, could be blocked by the National Companies and Securities Commission.

Mr Henry Bosch, chairman of the NCSC, Australia's corporate watchdog, is concerned that the company's plan to buy back 300 million shares from Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources, the main shareholder, could be illegal.

BHP announced on Thursday that it had agreed to buy the shares for Aus$2.1 billion, and that it would cancel them on receipt of scrip. In Australia, companies cannot hold their own shares.

Mr Bosch said: "There have been recent actions that verge on the buying of one's own shares. That, of course, is the most important single issue involved in this matter.

"The area we are concentrating on most is the question of companies buying back their own shares which, at least in certain forms, is prohibited by Section 129 (of the Companies Code)."

That section stipulates that a company cannot buy shares in itself.

However, legal sources point out that the section is not an absolute ban. It is possible for an Australian company to buy its own shares providing it "divests" itself of them in 12 months. The issue may revolve on whether a cancellation satisfies the divestment criteria.

Meanwhile, Mr Brian Loton, the BHP managing director, believes the restructuring will be effective and is confident of BHP's prospects.

Merger will create Spain's largest bank

Spanish stock markets temporarily suspended trading in shares of the Bank of Bilbao and the Bank of Vizcaya yesterday, after they announced merger plans.

The merger was worked out between Snr José Angel Sánchez Asiain, President of the Bank of Bilbao, and Snr Pedro Toledo, President of the Bank of Vizcaya.

The plans were being studied yesterday, at meetings of the boards of both banks, which were expected to give their approval.

Australian wool soars to record 1,000 cents

By Colin Narbrough

The Australian wool market indicator price this week surged through the 1,000 Australian cents a kilo level for the first time this week.

After the old record of 951 cents fell on Wednesday, prices were pushed higher in hectic trading to end the week at 1,006 cents, a climb of 69 cents from last week.

The strong improvement in prices could mean wool will reclaim from coal its status as Australia's leading export.

A wave of orders in mid-week, reports of big orders from China, and uncertainty about availability all helped boost a strong market.

Japanese buyers were ready to pay any price to secure supplies.

Sales resume after a one-week break for the Bicentenary celebrations.

In New Zealand, wool exporters are hoping for China and the Soviet Union to be the big buyers when large quantities of NZ wool are auctioned in the next six weeks.

They expect to benefit from the surge in Australian prices.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyons ('344)	300	57	65	-	8	18
	330	37	47	55	18	30
	360	20	32	42	35	47
Bass ('807)	750	95	115	135	22	43
	800	63	88	105	45	65
	850	37	65	82	78	82
Brit Air ('772)	140	38	49	48	8	9
	160	24	26	35	10	17
Brit Com ('333)	180	15	20	27	18	27
	280	70	82	-	8	15
Brit Gas ('144)	300	52	65	75	15	20
	330	35	50	57	29	30
	120	25	31	-	3	6
BP ('261)	130	18	24	29	6	10
	140	12	18	22	11	16
	220	45	52	-	6	12
Bristol ('460)	240	26	36	45	13	20
	260	17	27	33	23	30
	390	65	102	-	5	12
	420	52	77	87	15	20
Cons Gold ('635)	460	36	52	63	33	35
	600	50	80	110	110	145
	650	36	60	-	155	170
Courtauld ('331)	1000	30	52	60	66	14
	300	33	43	53	27	40
	330	20	32	40	43	57
	360	13	22	-	67	77
Cons Union ('341)	330	35	48	60	25	30
	360	20	35	43	46	47
	390	12	27	-	66	66
C & W ('345)	280	75	85	-	5	11
	300	60	73	-	8	20
	330	40	53	62	18	32
	360	25	42	47	35	45
GEC ('158)	140	27	34	35	6	8
	160	13	21	25	13	18
	180	6	14	16	26	30
GKN ('309)	280	45	57	61	17	23
	300	33	45	53	28	35
	330	18	33	41	44	52
	360	11	22	-	68	73
Grand Met ('450)	380	70	83	-	12	20
	420	48	65	75	30	35
	460	30	47	57	38	50
	500	14	33	-	68	73
ICI ('1087)	1050	93	128	-	62	85
	1100	67	102	-	90	108
	1150	45	85	-	115	135
	1200	32	65	-	160	170
Jaguar ('328)	300	45	57	65	22	28
	330	28	41	52	32	42
	360	17	28	40	55	60
Land Sec ('467)	420	68	77	90	12	23
	460	42	56	70	37	40
	500	28	37	52	58	67
M & S ('167)	150	38	44	-	4	7
	160	22	26	34	10	14
	200	11	18	24	32	28
R-Royce ('131)	120	19	23	28	9	15
	130	13	18	22	13	19
	140	9	14	18	20	25
	160	4	11	-	36	40
Sainsbury ('225)	200	37	43	-	7	12
	220	24	32	38	13	20
	240	14	23	30	29	29
Shell ('1033)	1000	109	133	-	70	93
	1050	75	108	-	98	115
	1100	50	85	-	130	150
Storehse ('252)	220	47	53	-	8	17
	240	33	42	48	17	25
	260	22	33	38	27	37
	280	14	25	-	40	48
Trafalgar ('335)	280	67	72	-	5	13
	300	52	55	67	10	20
	330	30	45	50	20	32
TSB ('116)	100	16	22	-	4	5
	110	12	18	20	7	10
	120	6	11	15	12	15
Woolworth ('272)	240	47	50	53	10	18
	260	25	37	42	20	30
	280	25	30	-	27	35
	300	15	20	-	45	55

	Calls			Puts		
Series	May	Jun	Sep	May	Jun	Sep
Amstrad ('137)	130	16	24	31	8	13
	140	11	18	25	13	18
	150	4	11	-	27	30
Barclays ('497)	450	66	95	105	10	15
	500	28	45	57	40	55
Boeohem ('464)	450	55	67	80	20	30
	500	28	45	57	40	55
	550	20	30	-	85	100
C & W ('345)	330	52	67	80	20	30
	360	30	45	55	45	55
	390	12	27	-	66	-
Courtauld ('331)	300	52	60	66	14	23
	330	33	43	53	27	40
	360	20	32	40	43	57
	390	13	22	-	67	77
Cons Union ('341)	330	35	48	60	25	30
	360	20	35	43	46	47
	390	12	27	-	66	-
Cons Gold ('635)	600	50	80	110	110	145
	650	36	60	-	155	170
	1000	30	52	60	66	14
Cons Gold ('635)	600	50	80	110	110	145
	650	36	60	-	155	170
	1000	30	52	60	66	14
Courtauld ('331)	300	52	60	66	14	23
	330	33	43	53	27	40
	360	20	32	40	43	57
	390	13	22	-	67	77
Cons Union ('341)	330	35	48	60	25	30
	360	20	35	43	46	47
	390	12	27	-	66	-
C & W ('345)	280	75	85	-	5	11
	300	60	73	-	8	20
	330	40	53	62	18	32
	360	25	42	47	35	45
GEC ('158)	140	27	34	35	6	8
	160	13	21	25	13	18
	180	6	14	16	26	30
GKN ('309)	280	45	57	61	17	23
	300	33	45	53	28	35
	330	18	33	41	44	52
	360	11	22	-	68	73
Grand Met ('450)	380	70	83	-	12	20
	420	48	65	75	30	35
	460	30	47	57	38	50
	500	14	33	-	68	73
ICI ('1087)	1050	93	128	-	62	85
	1100	67	102	-	90	108
	1150	45	85	-	115	135
	1200	32	65	-	160	170
Jaguar ('328)	300	45	57	65	22	28
	330	28	41	52	32	42
	360	17	28	40	55	60
Land Sec ('467)	420	68	77	90	12	23
	460	42	56	70	37	40
	500	28	37	52	58	67
M & S ('167)	150	38	44	-	4	7
	160	22	26	34	10	14
	200	11	18	24	32	28
R-Royce ('131)	120	19	23	28	9	15
	130	13	18	22	13	19
	140	9	14	18	20	25
	160	4	11	-	36	40
Sainsbury ('225)	200	37	43	-	7	12
	220	24	32	38	13	20
	240	14	23	30	29	29
Shell ('1033)	1000	109	133	-	70	93
	1050	75	108	-	98	115
	1100	50	85	-	130	150
Storehse ('252)	220	47	53	-	8	17
	240	33	42	48	17	25
	260	22	33	38	27	37
	280	14	25	-	40	48
Trafalgar ('335)	280	67	72	-	5	13
	300	52	55	67	10	20
	330	30	45	50	20	32
TSB ('116)	100	16	22	-	4	5
	110	12	18	20	7	10
	120	6	11	15	12	15
Woolworth ('272)	240	47	50	53	10	18
	260	25	37	42	20	30
	280	25	30	-	27	35
	300	15	20	-	45	55

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA ('103)	90	15	23	28	3	7
	100	8	17	22	5	11
	110	5	12	16	11	18
Brit Aero ('382)	300	68	72	85	2	13
	330	40	52	65	5	23
	360	19	35	50	15	38
	390	8	23	-	37	58
BAT Ind ('427)	390	47	58	70	5	20
	420	25	40	55	17	37
	460	8	25	38	57	63
	500	4	15	-	75	87
Brit Tele ('232)	200	35	44	47	2	5
	220	20	28	34	5½	10
	240	8	16	23	15	20
Cadbury ('261)	220	45	50	60	2	7
	240	27	40	45	6	16
	260	14	28	33	14	23
Gulnness ('287)	280	20	32	40	10	23
	300	7	22	30	20	35
	330	4	12	-	45	57
Ladbroke ('369)	300	62	72	77	2½	10
	330	37	50	57	6	20
	360	18	35	45	25	35
LASMO ('323)	280	55	67	80	10	27
	300	40	53	57	18	35
	330	27	38	57	33	48
Pilkington ('234)	200	38	50	60	3	18
	220	23	40	50	9	30
	240	13	30	40	33	42
	260	7	22	30	53	63
Plessey ('151)	140	17	27	31	6	12
	160	6	19	23	15	20
	180	4	10	15	33	35
P & O ('548)	480	92	107	120	4	15
	500	60	75	92	10	27
	550	22	48	67	32	55
Prudential ('940)	800	63	82	103	20	45
	850	33	55	80	40	68
	900	15	38	-	70	98
Racal ('256)	200	38	52	62	3	10
	220	25	37	48	8	18
	240	13	27	37	24	35
RTZ ('385)	300	75	85	100	5	20
	330	50	70	85	12	32
	360	25	45	65	20	50
	390	10	35	-	38	65
Tr 11¾% 1991 ('108)	104	2⅝	-	-	⅛	-
	106	⅞	-	-	¼	-
	108	⅜	-	-	⅝	-
	110	1/16	-	-	1⅜	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 ('111)	114	3⅜	4⅝	-	⅝	1⅝
	116	2⅛	3⅜	-	1 11/32	2⅛
	118	1⅛	2⅛	-	2 21/32	3⅛
	120	7/16	1⅛	-	3 29/32	4⅝
	122	1/32	11/32	-	5 15/32	6 13/16

FT-SE INDEX ('1777)

Series	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	May	Apr
1550	232	240	255	—	2	10	25	—
1600	182	195	213	225	2	17	33	45
1650	132	152	175	200	3	28	48	65
1700	88	115	145	170	10	45	69	85
1750	45	83	115	140	30	65	90	100
1800	16	58	90	115	63	92	110	125
1850	6	40	70	95	78	113	138	155
1900	2	25	53	75	128	150	175	200
1950	1	—	—	—	178	—	—	—
2000	⅛	—	—	—	228	—	—	—

January 22, 1988 Total: 29625 Calls 20264 Puts 9361 FT-SE: Calls 1614 Puts 1525

*Underlying security price.

TEMPUS

Golden share takes sparkle out of Britoil's price

By coincidence, both British Petroleum and Elf Aquitaine have pitched their offers for Britoil and Tricentrol at precisely 64.4 per cent of their respective targets' asset values, since independently assessed by ERC, the energy consultant.

BP has offered 450p a share for Britoil's 699p of assets, while Elf has offered 145p for Tricentrol's 225p of assets, fully diluted.

The assumptions used in each case are virtually identical – a sterling oil price of £18 a barrel by 1994, inflation of 5 per cent and a discount rate of 12 per cent.

The assumptions are probably on the generous side, but both companies are fighting for their lives and can be forgiven a little exaggeration to counterbalance the opposite arguments from the bidders' camps.

Nevertheless, Tricentrol's position is significantly weaker than Britoil's.

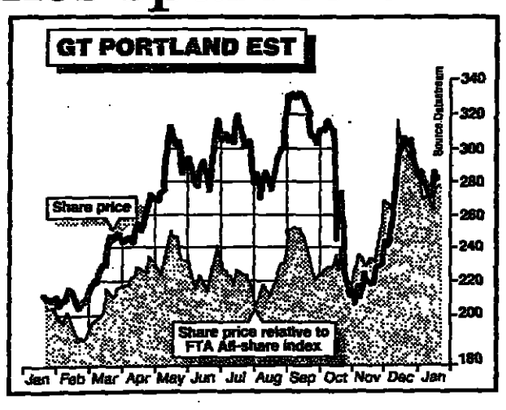
Tricentrol's asset value has been qualified by ERC, which says Tricentrol has not identified enough prospects to justify £10 million a year of tax-allowable expenditure beyond the early 1990s. ERC relies on assurances from Tricentrol's directors that it is their intention to maintain this level of exploration by acquiring acreage. Britoil's asset value has no such qualification against its £100 million of exploration.

Tricentrol, in contrast, needs to raise £350 million of debt finance, fast. To do so, it has had to concede a penal 11 per cent interest rate on $150 million of the loans plus warrants to subscribe for 2.145 million new shares, and make a two-for-five convertible preference rights issue for a further £45 million, and yet the package is still not finalized.

If the shareholders approve the financing, they will be condemning their company, which already sports a debt-equity ratio of 133 per cent according to the 1986 balance sheet, to at least four years of spitalling debt. There is a serious risk of the company becoming so financially weakened that they will not realize the full asset value.

Britoil claims to be able to finance its exploration budget, and remains a viable business on a going-concern basis.

The paradox is that Tricentrol's share price is at an 11 per cent premium to Elf's offer, compared with Britoil which is at a mere 2 per cent premium, despite the presence of a potential white knight for Britoil in the shape of Atlantic Richfield. The difference can only be the depressing effect of the Government's golden share.



Great Portland Estates

Great Portland Estates' call for £39 million, via a convertible, to back up its continuing development programme also gives it some spare money for acquisitions.

The 9.5 per cent coupon on the one-for-four convertible issue proposed by Great Portland with a conversion price set at 330p is not without attraction.

Great Portland is traditionaly conservative, but beginning to show signs of becoming more exciting. Net asset value, which was 242p at last published balance sheet date, could well turn out at between 285p and 300p when this current financial year ends in March.

The current development programme calls for a £50 million outlay within the next 12 months and a further £25 million, and more, for acquisition of buildings and sites. Gearing at around 25 per cent remains relatively modest, and there is the added flavour of trading income stemming from its 50 per cent stake in Bride Hall.

Meanwhile, group property developments north of Oxford Street, where rentals on part of the portfolio have been doubled, coupled with sound Covent Garden and City assets give grounds for believing that investment faith at current share price levels will prove justified once year-end results are to hand.

Pretax profits in the £24 million region compared with £21 million are probable, and a total dividend of at least 8p (7.3p) looks assured.

Follow the convertible, and buy the shares.

BAT Industries

BAT Industries' opening gambit to acquire Farmers Group for $60 a share or $4.2 billion (£2.4 billion) has not come off. BAT must now decide whether to raise its offer to a level that might secure recommendation or go ahead with a hostile bid at $60.

BAT is keen to keep Farmers' management and is not experienced in the art of hostile bids. It could afford to raise its bid to $70 a share without incurring earnings dilution, but there is no indication whether this would secure approval.

Farmers' share price in New York has consistently lagged the offer price, indicating concern that BAT could walk away. US analysts are also taking a contrary view to their British counterparts, seeing $60 as a full price as opposed to a sighting shot.

After 18 months of searching for the right financial services acquisition in the US, BAT is not going to walk away now. It is also better placed than a potential American predator – there are no signs of rival bidders – because of the different accounting treatment of goodwill. Farmers has a book value of $1.4 billion and American conventions dictate the amortization of goodwill, with dire effects on the profit-and-loss account.

The recent downgrading of estimates for BAT's 1987 profits resulted from expectations that Eagle Star's investments will show a £40 million capital depreciation because of the worldwide stock market crash. They are still expected to make an overall profit including investment income.

BZW, broker to BAT, has reduced its estimate to £1,380 million pretax from £1,435 million, but is still shooting for an unchanged £1,590 million this year.

BAT's ability to pursue Farmers will be unimpaired.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.9	120.1e	+0.8	9.15
Hi Inc Equity	112.6	120.8e	-0.7	4.93
Worldwide Bd	192.2	204.8	+0.2	4.74
American Gth	131.7	140.8e	+0.4	1.58
Asian Pacific	53.3	57.0e	-2.1	2.42
Assets & Earns	127.3	136.1	-0.7	2.10
Capital Res	75.3	78.6	+0.2	1.32
Conv Energy	90.6	96.8	-1.7	1.18
Euro Capital	61.6	65.2	-0.6	1.15
General	151.1	161.5e	-0.5	2.79
Japan	80.9	86.5	-0.5	
UK Gth Inc	123.3	131.8	-1.0	1.93
Do Acc	173.6	192.2	-1.4	1.25
US Emerg Co	37.0	39.5e	-0.7	0.00
Income Gth	233.3	249.5	-1.7	3.61
Master Acc	65.1	69.6	+0.7	2.99
American Inc	40.3	43.1	-0.3	6.06
Ethical Tst	39.3	42.0	-0.2	2.56

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD

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UK Growth	29.3	31.2	-0.1	3.57
N Amer Inc	22.1	23.6	-0.1	4.36
World Gth	35.2	37.5	-0.4	1.00
Extra Inc	39.8	39.1e	-0.2	5.25

Formerly Baltic Trust Managers

American	25.3	27.5	-1.2	2.44
Amer Extra Inc	34.4	36.6e	-0.3	7.73
Australian	16.7	17.8	-0.3	1.92
Euro Tst	38.8	41.4e	-0.7	1.56
Gilt & Fixed Int	22.5	24.3e	-0.1	9.08
Global Income	32.1	34.2	-1.7	5.68
Hi Income	53.4	56.9	-0.3	5.46
Income Growth	62.6	66.6	-0.5	4.48
International	78.0	83.0	-1.2	0.84
Japan & Gen	145.3	154.6	-1.5	0.01
Spec Sits	89.9	83.8	-0.6	1.36

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD

401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 8494

Euro Gth Acc	97.6	103.6	-1.1	1.20
Exempt	369.3	392.6	-1.4	4.66
Far Eastern	183.3	196.0	+1.7	0.10
Fin & Prop	77.3	81.9	-0.5	2.64
Hi Yield	70.5	74.7	-0.1	5.63
Income & Gth	292.6	310.0e	-1.9	3.54
Int Earnings	174.7	185.1	-0.4	2.93
Int Growth Inc	83.9	89.2		0.34
Japan Gth Acc	133.1	142.1	+0.5	0.20
Pacific Gth Inc	102.1	107.1e	-1.0	0.52
Preference Inc	124.5	132.0	+0.1	9.52
Smi Co Div Inc	97.5	92.7e	-0.6	4.71
Smi Co Gth	288.9	295.5	-1.4	1.45
Special Sits Inc	122.4	130.7	-1.3	5.66
UK Growth	358.3	380.6e	-2.2	3.34

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS

Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28251 dealing 0793 610356

High Income	287.5	304.7	-1.5	4.76
High Yield	164.1	173.9e	-0.1	4.91
High Yield	169.3	179.5	-0.2	
Balanced	392.3	415.8e	-2.0	3.36
Amer Inc	29.1	27.5e	-0.3	4.05
World Ass Val	72.8	34.3	-0.1	1.48
Japan	122.1	130.0e	-0.6	0.01
Sec of Amer	187.3	178.2	-0.7	1.20
Asset Value	294.5	311.7	-1.6	3.43
Extra Earn	194.0	207.8e	-1.6	3.42
Recovery	98.0	103.9	-0.2	2.46
UK Spec Sit	257.2	251.4	-0.6	2.72
Smlr Co	182.5	192.5e	-0.2	1.34
Capital	235.6	248.7	-2.6	3.11
Amer Spec Sit	32.5	35.0	-0.6	2.07
International	82.3	86.7e	-1.3	1.53
Growth & Inc	144.8	153.5	-1.1	3.29
Euro Gth	16.7	17.8	-0.2	1.49
Pacific	187.5	199.7e	-2.5	0.42
2nd Smlr Co	199.1	211.0	-1.9	1.46

BARCLAYS UNICORN

Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	74.9	79.6	-0.8	3.31
Euro Gth Inc	56.5	60.1	-1.4	2.05
Extra Income	91.4	97.2	-0.3	4.56
General	157.9	167.9	-1.6	3.38
Gilt & Fixed Inc	93.2	98.0	-0.4	9.78
Income Tst	378.7	402.8e	-3.9	4.16
Int Income	46.3	49.2e	-0.2	4.88
Smlr Co Inc	35.6	37.8	-0.2	1.26

BARING FUND MANAGERS

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American EVS				
Australia	47.6	52.2	-0.9	0.00
Eastern	58.0	63.1e	-0.7	0.00
Equity Inc	65.4	69.5	-0.1	5.40
Europe	106.7	115.6	-1.8	0.10
Exempt Tst	97.1	103.2		5.60
Growth & Inc	70.6	75.1	-0.5	2.10
Global Gth	57.2	60.8	-0.6	0.20
Japan Spec	128.7	137.6	-0.6	0.10
Japan Tst	133.9	144.5		0.00
First Europe	93.8	99.7	-1.2	0.50
First Japan	94.4	100.9	-0.7	0.60
First N Amer	37.0	39.3e	-1.5	1.40
First Smlr Co	92.0	97.8	-0.5	1.40
N Amer Spec	55.4	57.6	-0.6	0.39
UK Growth	58.2	61.9	-0.2	5.17

BROWN SHIPLEY

9-17, Pennywell Rd, Haywards Heath
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Financial	151.4	162.6	-0.4	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	191.3	205.7	-1.23	0.84
Do Inc	302.4	325.2	+1.09	0.84
High Income	76.0	83.9	+0.3	5.20
Income	93.3	100.3	+0.2	4.16
Man Portfl Inc	80.0	89.6	-0.7	2.25
Do Acc	141.2	151.9	+0.2	2.25
Nth American	43.0	46.2e	-1.9	0.21
Orient	83.5	89.8	-0.5	0.10
Exempt	265.3	270.3	+15.2	2.24
Recovery	61.0	65.6		0.36
German	21.0	22.6	-0.2	1.36
Int Recov	22.2	23.9	-0.2	1.00
Europe	15.7	16.9	-0.1	3.91

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT

The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
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Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	57.2	60.8	-1.5	1.20
General Inc 4	262.6	268.9e	-4.0	2.42
Do Acc 4	412.3	438.6	-6.5	2.42
Income (M) 3	127.8	135.9	-2.0	5.00
Do 3	235.8	250.9	-0.4	5.00
Int Inc 2	98.2	104.5	-3.2	1.87
Do Acc 2	131.4	139.8	-4.3	1.87
Stgy Inc 3	97.4	92.3e	-0.5	1.39
Do Acc	94.5	100.6	-0.5	1.39

CANNON FUND MANAGERS

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01-902 8876

Growth	30.2	32.2e	..	2.79
Income	39.6	41.1e	+0.1	3.94
Far East	24.7	26.3e	-0.1	0.24
Nth American	23.8	25.3e	-1.2	0.89
Global	39.4	42.0	-1.1	0.80
European	35.8	38.1	-1.0	1.39
Japan	75.4	80.3	+0.3	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT

PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	377.5	401.8	-1.4	2.73
Income	339.5	358.0	-1.2	5.44
Nth Amer	208.4	221.8	-5.3	2.14

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND

2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	420.75		..	4.50
Fixed Int	142.85		..	10.02
Deposit	100.0		..	9.20

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND

2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	398.79	●	..	5.26
Acc	2112.0932	●	..	
Deposit	100.0		..	9.20

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS

72/77 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 8622
S/C Spec Sit 98.7 62.1 -0.3 0.46

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Gth	17.2	18.3	-0.4	1.22
Atlas Gth	18.6	19.7	-0.6	1.99
Dragon Gth	53.4	56.9e	+0.1	4.82
Equity Hi Inc	23.2	23.5	-0.4	1.68
European Gth	22.2	23.5	-0.4	1.53
Gen Equity	45.7	48.4	-0.3	2.91
G/F Inters Gth	32.3	34.1	+0.1	7.94
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.7	26.0e	+0.1	9.64
Int Income Tst	21.8	23.1e	-0.2	6.48
Japan Gth	40.6	43.0	-0.3	0.00
Pedgree Gth	27.6	29.3	-0.2	2.25
Special Sits	33.7	35.7	-0.1	2.28

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS

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UK & Gen Inc	49.9	53.1e	-0.4	3.86
Do Acc	51.2	54.5e	-0.4	3.86
Income Inc	52.7	56.0e	-0.5	4.15
Do Acc	53.3	57.7e	-0.4	4.15
Worldwide Inc	39.3	42.0e	-0.5	1.53
Do Acc	39.5	42.2e	-0.6	1.53
Gamma Inc	31.4	33.4	-0.2	0.76
Do Acc	31.4	33.4	-0.2	0.76
Amer Gth	47.8	50.9	-0.2	0.77
Euro Gth	48.4	49.4	-0.5	0.69
Far East	53.0	56.4	-0.5	0.01

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD

Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
84862 5039

Amer Tst	94.9	102.9e	-2.9	0.97
Canadian Gth	17.7	19.1	-0.2	
European Tst	79.5	85.9	-1.3	
Growth Tst	247.3	267.4	-2.2	3.90
High Income	305.1	329.8	-0.3	4.84
Int Tech Tst	86.0	93.0	-2.4	
Japanese Tst	188.5	203.8	-2.4	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD

Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737-242424

European Gth	43.6	47.2	-1.0	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	51.7	55.9	-1.2	0.00
International	44.4	47.9e	-0.2	3.50
N Amer Gth	35.6	38.3	-0.6	1.00
Pacific Gth	48.0	51.7	-0.6	0.50
UK Gth Acc	53.0	57.2	-0.3	0.50
Do Dist	57.2	61.5	-0.3	4.60
UK Income	55.5	59.7	-0.2	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3486

American Fd	51.4	54.7	-1.5	1.83
Capital Fd	116.8	124.4	-1.2	1.37
Eurofund	19.8	21.1e	+0.3	2.37
Growth & Inc	164.9	175.6	-0.8	3.99
High Dist Fd	143.9	153.3	-0.8	5.48
International	180.0	191.7	-3.3	1.17
Pacific Fd	18.3	19.5	-0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	21.8	23.2	-0.2	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	36.8	39.2e	-0.1	
Tokyo Fd	170.1	181.2	-1.4	0.00
Ex Amer 2	109.5	112.5	..	2.04
Ex Japan 3	108.8	111.8e	..	0.19
Ex Pacific 4	284.4	292.2	..	4.16
Ex Smlr Jap 4	224.7	230.9	+0.2	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	78.7	84.6e	-0.4	2.88
Do Acc	83.0	88.1e	-0.5	2.76
UK Gth Acc	113.5	120.2	-1.0	2.29
UK High Inc	91.3	96.9	-0.4	4.52
N Amer Acc	57.3	61.1	-1.0	1.15
Far East Acc	103.5	110.4	-1.3	0.76
European Acc	63.5	67.7	-0.7	1.55
UK Gilt Inc	55.7	59.1e	+0.4	9.60
Do Acc	63.0	66.9e	+0.5	7.79
Int Spec Sits	94.0	97.2	-0.4	0.00

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD

Ashdin Centre Hazegon House Rexford RH1 3LB
0708 68668
Endurance 108.2 115.2 .. 1.59

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION

Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431488

Equit Pelican	87.8	93.6	-0.5	3.42
High Income	91.9	97.8	-0.5	4.70
Gt/Fxd Instr	51.3	54.5e	+0.1	7.49
Tst Of Inv Tsts	76.5	81.4	-0.5	1.97
Spec Sits Tst	89.6	95.4	-0.9	2.63
Nth Amer Tst	47.3	50.4	-1.0	0.28
Far East Tst	94.7	100.8	-2.1	0.40
Int Growth	46.6	49.6	-0.9	1.61
European Tst	34.7	37.0	-0.3	1.88

EQUITY & LAW

St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2SD
0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	155.7	176.2	-1.3	3.37
Do Inc	139.1	147.9	-1.0	3.37
Higher Inc Acc	307.9	327.5	-1.8	4.42
Do Inc	236.5	251.5	-1.2	4.42
Gilt/Fixed Acc	109.8	115.5	+0.8	9.44
Do Inc	85.3	88.7	+0.4	7.55
N Amer Acc	102.2	108.7	-3.2	0.27
Far East Acc	184.7	196.4	-1.3	0.03
Euro Tst Acc	108.6	115.5	-2.2	3.64
Gen Tst	243.3	258.8	-2.3	3.64
Ent Excel	37.9	40.3	-0.2	2.95

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT

1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	47.9	51.0	-1.2	0.88
UK Inc Fd	91.1	97.0	-0.1	4.54
Far East Fd	79.5	84.6	-1.1	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.0	59.6e	-0.7	4.78
Fxd Interest	57.0	60.7e	+0.6	9.47
Natural Res Fd	55.9	59.5	-0.9	2.80
European Inc	52.5	55.7	-0.9	2.60
Financials Fd	41.6	44.3	-0.4	2.68
Inc Tech Fd	92.5	98.4	-1.7	1.00

F&C INVESTMENT MANAGERS

160, West George St, Glasgow G2 2HA
041-332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	69.7	73.5	-0.6	
Do Inc	66.3	69.2	-0.6	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.4	30.2e	-0.1	
Do Inc	27.2	28.9e	-0.1	5.50
Inc Gth Acc	51.3	54.6	-0.4	
Do Inc	51.3	54.6	-0.4	5.50
Serv Co Acc	61.4	65.3	-0.7	
Do Inc	60.2	64.0	-0.6	0.00
Amer Gth Acc	18.9	20.1	-0.6	
Do Inc	18.9	20.1	-0.6	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	14.8	15.7	-0.3	1.00
Do Inc	14.8	15.7	-0.3	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD

River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Customer 0800 414161

American	86.4	92.5	-3.5	1.41
Amer Equity Inc	25.0	26.8	-0.6	5.04
Amer Spec Sit	37.6	40.3	-1.2	0.12
Australia	19.5	20.8	-0.3	2.47
European	46.0	49.2	-0.7	
European Inc	19.9	21.1	-0.1	4.65
Global Conv	21.4	22.9e	-0.1	5.52
Far East Inc	35.7	38.0	-0.1	3.96
Gilt/Fxd Interest	29.2	30.9e		9.52
Growth & Inc	107.5	115.1	-0.7	4.44
Japan Spec Sit	60.4	64.7	+0.2	
Japan	144.5	154.5	-0.1	
Man Interest	111.1	118.2	-1.6	1.07
Man Inc Equity	103.8	111.1	+0.1	4.80
Pension Mgd	37.8	40.5	-0.2	2.77
SE Asia	28.9	32.0	-0.2	0.84
Spec Sit	234.8	251.2	-1.7	0.66
Eastern Opps	19.9	21.2	..	

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT

3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer/Gen Inc	144.3	152.6	-4.6	
Do Acc	147.4	155.9	-4.7	
Australian Inc	157.4	166.2	-5.4	1.68
Do Acc	157.0	166.1	-5.7	1.83
Capital Inc	258.5	273.5	-1.3	2.16
Do Acc	318.5	337.1	-1.7	2.16
Conv/Gilt Inc	100.5	106.4e	-0.1	4.97
Do Acc	141.6	149.8e	+0.3	4.97
European Inc	46.8	49.5	-0.6	0.68
Do Acc	46.8	49.6	-0.6	0.68
Financial Acc	226.9	239.9e	-2.8	4.04
Do Acc	252.0	266.6e	-3.1	4.04
Financial Inc	38.3	41.5	-0.4	3.96
Do Acc	38.3	41.5	-0.4	3.96
Gen Inc	131.4	139.0	-1.6	
Do Acc	139.3	103.3	-1.5	
Monthly Inc Fd	115.8	122.3e	-0.2	2.86
Pep Gt Fd	117.5	124.2e	-0.2	1.29
Recovery	157.2	166.2e	-2.4	1.29
Smaller Inc	173.2	183.2e	-2.5	1.29
Do Acc	193.9	205.0	-2.8	1.29
Do Acc	201.9	53.6	-0.1	3.86

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS

Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Public Deals 0272 411411 Enquiries 411822

Equity Dist	217.9	231.3	-1.5	2.69
Do Acc	375.0	398.0	-2.4	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	48.6	51.6	-0.7	0.00
Do Acc	48.6	51.6	-0.7	0.00
Fxd Interest Di	115.0	122.2	+0.6	10.13
Do Acc	145.6	154.6	+0.9	10.13
Int Gth Dist	47.5	50.4	-0.8	1.49
Do Acc	47.5	50.4	-0.8	1.49
Nth Amer Dist	101.9	108.1e	-0.6	2.40
Do Acc	103.5	109.9e	-0.7	2.40
Pac Basin Dist	152.1	161.5e	-0.9	0.00
Do Acc	152.1	161.5e	-0.9	0.00
Steward Dist	221.7	235.3	-0.4	1.25
Do Acc	222.2	246.6	-0.4	1.25
Steward Inc Di	83.0	88.2	-0.1	3.96
Do Acc	82.0	87.1	-0.1	3.96
N Am Steward Di	48.1	51.1	-1.1	1.96
Do Acc	48.1	51.1	-1.1	1.96

GT UNIT MANAGERS

5th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 3575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Spec Sit	48.9	52.1	-1.8	0.70
UK Cap Inc	121.1	128.9	-0.1	2.50
Do Acc	177.0	188.3	-0.2	2.50
Income Fd	93.6	99.6	-0.3	4.60
International	141.6	150.7	-0.5	0.00
US & General	41.6	44.3	-1.9	1.10
Japan & Gen	252.0	268.1	-1.0	0.10
Far East Gen	112.2	119.4e	-1.3	0.00
European Fd	201.0	213.9	-2.2	0.10
Gensmart Fd	45.4	48.4	-0.6	2.50
Int Inc Fd	46.6	49.6e	-0.6	5.70
Wld Spec Sit	54.5	58.0	-1.4	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS

Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ
01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Investor 0800 289820

American	80.9	86.1	-2.5	0.70
Australian	17.1	18.2	-0.3	0.00
British Acc	68.1	73.2	-0.2	1.98
Do Inc	58.1	62.5	-0.2	1.98
Chelt UK Gth	24.0	25.4	-0.2	1.92
Commd Share	57.6	61.6	-0.4	1.39
European	41.5	44.8	-0.5	0.81
Extra Income	112.0	119.8	-1.3	0.30
Fxd Interest	27.2	29.3e		9.80
Frontier Mkts	21.5	23.0	-0.4	0.00
Global Gth	58.1	62.5	-0.6	0.00
Do Dist	149.2	153.0	-1.6	0.45
Gold Share	17.0	18.1e	-0.1	0.01
Hedged Amer	28.3	30.2e	-1.6	0.50
High Income	29.3	31.3	-0.2	0.00
Hong Kong	29.4	31.7	-0.5	0.90
Income Fd	97.2	104.5	-0.7	2.86
Int F/Interest	23.4	24.8e	+0.2	9.77
Japan Tst	216.9	234.0	-2.6	0.00
Mart Exempt	258.0	255.7	-0.6	2.40
Oil & Energy	38.5	43.5e	+0.1	0.00
Spec Sit	101.5	108.2	-1.8	0.30
UK Sm Co Rec	98.5	103.8	-0.3	0.30

Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd

Glob Inc/Gth	71.9	77.4	+2.9	4.44
Oppen Inc Tst	31.7	33.9	+0.3	5.89
Pacific Gth	43.4	46.4e	-0.7	2.00
Pract Inv Inc	61.9	66.2	-0.2	3.09
Do Acc	115.3	123.3	-0.6	3.09
Wrldwide Recov	84.0	89.8e	-0.9	2.04

Selected Opportunities Tsts

American	24.6	26.3	-0.6	0.53
European	31.6	33.8	-0.5	2.46
International	107.2	114.7e	-1.7	1.27
Japan	61.1	65.3	-0.3	0.00
UK	59.0	63.1e	+0.7	1.34

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT

Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-378 7979 Dealing 01-836 6836

Int Gth	94.2	99.8	-0.6	1.15
American Gth	51.8	55.4e	-0.9	1.41
American Inc	53.6	57.3	-0.5	5.09
European Gth	42.6	45.6e	-1.0	1.30

GRE UNIT MANAGERS

Bengal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9989

Gt/Fxd Interest	117.9	122.5	+0.7	9.07
Gth Equity	223.5	236.8	-1.3	2.34
Guardhill	238.1	250.5	-1.4	2.27
Income Tst	91.3	96.7	-0.5	5.69
Int Tst	97.4	103.1	-1.2	1.34
N American	110.6	117.1	-1.9	1.01
Pacific	234.9	248.6	-2.5	0.00
Prop Share	319.0	337.5e	-1.5	1.15
Smaller Co	209.3	215.5	-3.3	1.35
European Tst	201.8	213.4e	-2.7	1.76

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

PO Box 1942, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

Global Gth	33.8	36.0	-0.4	0.69
High Income	85.5	91.0e		5.39
N Amer Tst	78.3	84.3	-2.3	0.50
Pacific Gth	34.3	36.5	-0.3	0.50
Recovery	200.8	220.1	-2.2	2.45
St Vincent Inc	98.9	101.5	+0.2	5.25
St Vincent Gth	46.7	48.7	-0.5	1.18
Temp & Sm Co	222.9	235.2e		3.51
Euro Gth Tst	37.5	39.8	-0.7	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

Amer Equity Inc	48.2	51.1	-0.6	5.38
Canadian Tst	14.1	15.0	-0.4	1.69
Equity Income	101.3	107.5e	-0.6	5.36
European Tst	74.8	79.4	-0.6	1.06
High Income	80.8	85.7	+0.1	5.66
Int Sits Tst	94.3	100.0	-0.5	1.47
Japanese Tst	102.8	109.0	-1.6	0.29
Nth Amer Tst	49.6	52.6e	-1.5	1.33
Recov & Assec	60.3	64.0e	-0.5	1.34
Scandinavian	68.1	72.1	-0.4	1.15
Smlr Co	33.2	35.2e	-0.4	1.15
UK New Gen	37.6	39.9	-0.3	1.15

HENDERSON Administration Admin 5, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.

Premier UT Rayleigh Rd, 0277 261810

Amer Exempt	75.4	83.5e	..	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	34.1	36.4	..	0.00
Australian	75.5	80.5	-1.2	0.00
Best of World	64.6	68.8	-0.8	0.00
Capital Tst	38.4	40.9	-0.4	0.00
Do Acc	68.6	73.1	-1.4	2.10
European	153.4	163.4	-2.0	1.00
Euro Inc Tst	54.3	57.8	-0.8	3.47
Exempt Fund	247.9	263.7	-1.5	2.58
Extra Income	225.3	240.0e	-3.6	5.48
Financial Tst	152.5	162.3e	-1.3	2.46
Fxd Interest	62.5	65.4	+0.6	9.48
Gilt Equity	72.4	77.2	-0.9	0.00
Global Health	68.2	72.6	-0.8	0.49
Global Inc/Gth	58.7	62.5	-0.7	0.00
Global Resrce	60.0	63.9	-1.1	4.70
Global Tech	31.6	33.6e	-0.4	0.00
Gold	38.6	38.0	-0.9	0.00
High Income	224.4	243.0	-3.4	3.51
Hong Kong	119.6	124.9	-1.1	0.00
Inc & Gth Tst	173.7	184.9e	-2.6	3.30
Do Acc	353.6	376.2e	-5.3	3.30
Income Asset	127.7	136.5	-1.8	3.44
International	138.5	148.2	-2.0	0.00
Japan Tst	130.3	139.4	-1.8	0.00
Nth American	104.8	111.7e		0.00
Pacific Sec Tst	72.1	76.8	-1.3	0.00
Preference Tst	49.2	52.4		9.48
Prof & Gilt	69.2	62.9e	+0.5	9.83
Recovery Tst	133.0	141.5e	-1.8	0.57
Sing & Malay	29.6	31.5	-0.7	0.15
Smlr Co Inc	97.3	103.5e	-0.7	1.15
Spec Sits Inc	169.9	180.8	-1.9	1.13
Do Acc	240.6	256.0	-2.6	1.13
Worldwide	248.7	478.5		2.31
Euro Exempt	83.7	87.5		0.00
Gilt Tst Exempt	59.9	57

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7	Bryant	Building,Roads	
8	Hunting Assoc	Industrials E-K	
9	Hong Kong Land	Property	
10	Fenton	Drapery,Stores	
11	Peachey	Property	
12	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
13	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
14	Slough Estates	Property	
15	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
16	Newman Tonks	Building,Roads	
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18	Whatmor	Industrials S-Z	
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24	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
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37	RHP	Industrials L-R	
38	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102¼ 94⅞ Exch 10¾% 1988 100⅝ .. 10.5 5.512
101⅝ 96 Treas 9¾% 1988 100⅛ .. 8.7 5.545
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118⅛ 98⅛ Treas 12% 1997 116⅝ .. 11.7 9.717
111⅛ 95⅛ Treas 11¾% 1997 111⅛ .. 11.1 9.745
101⅛ 85⅛ Treas 9% 1997 95⅝ .. 8.5 8.574
84⅛ 72⅛ Treas 7% 1997 77⅝ .. 7.5 8.545
120⅛ 102⅛ Treas 13¼% 1997 115⅝ .. 11.5 9.778

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FAMILY MONEY/INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	2.50	2.52	1.90	1.38	1 min	0-7 day	——
Girobank	2.50	2.52	1.90	1.38	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	5.75	5.75	4.33	3.15	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	6.13	6.13	4.62	3.36	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	5.27	5.27	3.97	2.89	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	5.64	5.64	4.25	3.09	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	4.00	4.04	3.04	2.21	1 min	——	——
Britannia[2]	6.15	6.15	4.63	3.37	250 min	——	——
Northern Rock[2]	6.35	6.35	4.78	3.48	500 min	——	——
Cheltenham & Gloucr[2]	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	5,000 min	——	——
Britannia & North Rock[2]	7.05	7.05	5.31	3.86	10,000 min	——	——
Northern Rock[2]	7.30	7.30	5.50	4.20	20,000 min	——	——
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	1 min	——	——
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	5.83	5.99	4.51	3.28	1,000 min	——	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.11	6.29	4.74	3.45	3,000 min	——	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	5.75	5.91	4.45	3.24	2,500 min	——	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	5.75	5.88	4.43	3.22	1,000 min	——	01-626 1567
" " "	5.88	6.01	4.53	3.29	10,000 min	——	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	5.64	5.79	4.36	3.17	2,500 min	——	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	5.50	5.64	4.25	3.09	2,000 min	——	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	6.75	6.92	5.21	3.79	5,000 min	——	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	5.75	5.91	4.45	3.24	2,500 min	——	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.00	6.09	4.59	3.34	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[5]	6.40	6.40	4.82	3.51	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	4.80	4.91	3.62	2.63	1,000 min	——	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	5.64	5.79	4.36	3.17	2,500 min	——	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	5.50	5.61	4.23	3.07	2,000 min	——	0742 52800
" "	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	10,000 min	——	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	5.75	5.88	4.43	3.22	2,000 min	——	01-726 1000
" " "	5.88	6.00	4.52	3.29	10,000 min	——	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	5.74	5.88	4.43	3.22	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	5.83	5.96	4.49	3.27	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	5.83	5.96	4.49	3.27	2,500 min	——	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	6.21	6.39	4.81	3.50	1,000 min	——	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	2,500 min	——	031-5570201
S & P Classic	5.65	5.81	4.38	3.18	500 min	——	0708 766966
Schroder Wagg	5.46	5.60	4.22	3.07	2,500 min	——	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	6.03	6.12	4.61	3.35	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.00	6.01	4.53	3.29	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	5.64	5.76	4.34	3.16	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4861
Western Trust	6.02	6.19	4.66	3.39	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	5.12	3.85	2.8	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.2	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert*†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	6.51	6.51	6.51	6.51			
Retail Price Index: Nov	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 31971
Financial Assurance	8.50	8.50	6.97	5.70	2,000 min	5 yrs	01-367 6000
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS							
Northampton	6.58	6.58	4.96	3.61	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.07	3.70	500 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Vale of Glamorgan	5.75	5.75	4.33	3.15	500 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.25	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.24	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	7.59	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	6.02	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.01	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.39	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.29	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	1.51	—	—	—	——	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks- Nat West & Barclays 2.63% [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5768 [3] 2.5 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free. Instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [5] Charge for instant access

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Dec '86 to Dec '87)
+3.7%

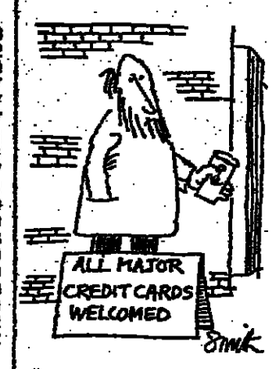
Mortgage rate*
10.0%-10.5%

Bank base rate
8.50%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
13%-18% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.7% APR

Credit card rate*
23.1% APR



Hire purchase rate*[1]
28% APR

Bank deposit account
2.50-2.63%

Building society ordinary account
4%

High-interest cheque account*
5.90%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	198.00
French franc	9.91
Greek drachma	238
Italian lira	2160

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 9494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.53	12.14	+0.04	..
Bear	11.72	12.34	+0.06	..
Owl	14.42	15.18	+0.01	..
Bull	12.76	13.44	+0.06	..
Stag	13.09	13.75	+0.11	..
Gilt Edged	12.15		+0.07	..
Deposit	10.84		+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.89	13.57	+0.06	..
Bear	13.48	14.19	+0.11	..
Owl	17.42	18.34	+0.02	..
Bull	16.04	15.84	+0.11	..
Stag	15.05	15.85	+0.19	..
Gilt Edged	12.37		+0.09	..
Deposit	11.44		+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	168.9	172.3	+0.68	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	218.7	230.3	+0.4	..
Do Accum	318.9	333.8	+0.5	..
Equity Fund Income	111.6	117.5	+1.5	..
Do Accum	123.4	129.9	+2.1	..
Selective Fund	264.1	278.1	+3.1	..
Money Fund	236.3	248.8	+0.2	..
Prop Fd 5G Ser 4	248.9	262.0	+1.5	..
Equity Ser 4	127.0	133.7	+1.8	..
Man Ser 4	348.4	366.8	+4.5	..
Conv Ser 4	211.5	222.7	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	111.2	222.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	204.8	215.4	+3.8	..
American Ser 4	233.9	246.3	+4.1	..
High Inc Ser 4	357.2	376.0	+3.9	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	113.9	120.0	+1.9	..
Japan Ser 4	247.3	260.4	+5.1	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Dellows Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	834.3	878.2	+5.9	..
European Fd Accum	176.4	185.6	+1.5	..
Fixed Int Acc	327.4	344.6	+0.1	..
Gld Money Fd Acc	216.1	227.4	+0.9	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	323.1	340.1	+3.9	..
Int Fixed Int Fd Acc	196.6	207.1	+2.5	..
Japan Fund	268.1	283.2	-0.5	..
Nth American Fd Acc	141.4	148.8	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Acc	241.3	253.9	+0.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	568.0	597.9	+4.6	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	239.6	252.3	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	686.1	722.3	+5.2	..
Property Accum	378.3	398.3	+0.3	..
Far E Equity Accum	153.2	161.2	+0.4	..
Managed Capital	318.7	335.5	+3.4	..
Do Accum	542.7	571.3	+5.9	..
Overseas Accum	451.8	475.6	+3.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	326.2	343.4	+1.5	..
Amer Equity Accum	326.2	343.4	+1.5	..
Amer Man Accum	156.1	164.4	+0.9	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.7	131.3	+1.1	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	284.8	299.8	-5.15	..
Managed Income	139.4	146.7	-1.39	..
International	189.7	178.7	-2.35	..
High Income	196.6	207.0	-2.24	..
Income & Growth	254.3	267.7	-3.04	..
Basic Resource	104.4	109.9	-2.80	..
American	140.2	147.6	-3.66	..
Japan & General	448.5	470.1	+0.13	..
Special Situations	230.2	242.4	-4.76	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	499.4	525.7	+1.6	..
Do Initial	420.4	442.6	+1.4	..
Gilt Edged Accum	226.6	238.5	+1.5	..
Do Initial	191.9	202.1	+2.1	..
International Accum	243.3	256.2	+1.5	..
Do Initial	205.2	216.2	+1.3	..
Managed Accum	253.8	267.2	+1.8	..
Do Initial	215.3	226.6	+1.6	..
Money Accum	187.4	197.3	..	..
Do Initial	153.6	161.7	..	..
Property Accum	230.6	242.8	..	..
Do Initial	192.9	203.1	..	..
America Accum	136.5	146.9	+1.1	..
Do Initial	119.7	126.1	+0.9	..
Australia Accum	105.3	123.8	+0.1	..
Do Initial	106.1	111.7	+0.1	..
Financial Accum	226.3	237.2	-0.1	..
Do Initial	189.4	200.6	-0.1	..
500 Accum	278.0	294.7	+1.1	..
Do Initial	228.9	241.0	+1.0	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	357.9	376.8	+4.6	..
Do Initial 2	301.0	316.9	+3.8	..
Income Accum	284.1	299.1	+0.6	..
Do Initial	242.6	255.6	+0.6	..
Leisure Accum	177.2	186.6	+1.3	..
Special Sits Accum	141.2	148.7	+1.3	..
Univ Tech Accum	93.7	98.7	+0.7	..
Do Initial	82.3	86.7	-0.6	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
MountBatten House Chatham				
8 Kent ME4 4JF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	418.05		-1.46	..
Income Fund	411.4	433.1	+11.85	..
Extra Income Fund	387.9	408.3	-8.19	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	290.4	305.7	-11.90	..
Balanced Fund	348.0	366.3	-16.97	..
Smlr Co's & Far Fd	828.8	872.7	-7.39	..
Int Technology Fund	314.4	331.0	+41.63	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	292.9	213.6	-13.98	..
Energy Int Fund	117.4	123.6	-5.44	..
Pacific Basin Fund	243.8	256.6	-1.67	..
German Growth Fd	92.74	96.99	+0.48	..
Japan Growth Fd	151.3	159.2	+2.75	..
The UK Gth Fd	125.0	131.5	-2.18	..
Covd Euro Gth	65.55	70.16	-2.36	..
Property Fund	205.5	216.3	+0.12	..
Fixed Interest Fund	202.6	213.3	+0.63	..
Cash Fund	192.4	192.0	+0.16	..
Managed Inv Fund	265.7	279.7	-6.98	..
Nth Amer Recov	96.19	100.2	+0.00	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	157.8		+7.9	..
Managed	184.4	194.2	+1.4	..
Property	141.1	148.6	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	147.9	154.6	+1.4	..
Index-Linked	113.6	119.6	-0.3	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	559.08		+0.38	
Property Units	225.55			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	235.46	37.54	+0.19	..
Bal Bd Equity Accum	353.2	373.6	+4.8	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	338.3	355.9	+5.5	..
2nd Property Accum	244.8	258.2	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	114.5	121.2	+0.8	..
2nd Managed Acc	253.3	268.7	+1.7	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	105.1	111.2	+1.4	..
2nd Deposit Accum	186.4	197.2	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	196.4	207.8	+2.9	..
2nd Equity Accum	189.1	200.0	-0.6	..
2nd Int Money Ac	188.2	200.2	+0.6	..
2nd Index Accum	109.8	116.2	+1.6	..
2nd Far East Accum	203.6	216.4	+3.9	..
2nd Global Accum	75.8	80.2	+0.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	72.8	77.0	+0.4	..
2nd Japan Accum	137.7	145.7	+3.1	..
2nd Heritage Acc	91.6	96.9	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	91.8	97.1	+0.6	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,				
Cntrl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	139.0	146.4	..	..
Money Fund	243.5	256.4	+0.4	..
Managed Fund	421.2	443.4	+2.6	..
Equity Fund	300.7	316.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	169.4	168.9	+1.8	..
Far East Fund	236.3	248.8	+5.9	..
Nth Amer Fund	118.0	124.3	+2.3	..
Nat Resources Fund	177.7	187.1	+3.7	..
Alexandra Fund	110.8	116.7	+1.5	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	142.0	149.5	-3.3	..
Equity	178.4	188.9	-5.2	..
Property	143.5	148.9	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	124.3	130.9	+1.7	..
Indexed Secs	96.0	101.1	+1.3	..
Cash	117.3	123.5	+0.3	..
Nth American	87.0	91.6	-2.4	..
Far East	130.4	137.3	-0.4	..
International	106.3	111.9	-4.9	..
Special Sits	152.0	160.0	-3.7	..
Inst Income	153.0	161.1	-3.4	..
European	123.9	130.5	-5.8	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	138.5	146.2	-4.6	..
Equity	158.9	167.3	-8.9	..
Property	132.7	139.7	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	137.2	144.5	+2.5	..
Index Linked	100.7	106.1	+1.3	..
Cash	103.3	107.2	+0.2	..
Nth American	93.1	98.0	-5.7	..
Far East Acc	166.2	175.0	..	..
International Acc	129.3	136.7	-5.1	..
Special Sits	207.0	217.9	-8.4	..
European Flex	147.5	155.3	-5.9	..
Cash	117.3	123.5	+0.3	..
Nth American	87.0	91.6	-3.4	..
Far East	130.4	137.3	-0.4	..
International	106.3	111.9	-4.9	..
Special Sits	152.0	160.0	-3.7	..
Inst Income	153.0	161.1	-3.4	..
American Inc	92.7	97.6	-5.1	..
European	123.9	130.5	-5.8	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
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CML U Ass:Kev	192.13		..	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	202.84		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	134.5	141.5	..	..
CML U Ass:Equity	306.5	322.6	..	..
CML U Ass:Fi	199.6	210.1	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	234.8	247.2	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	226.8	238.8	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	136.0	142.1	-0.07	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	155.4	163.6	+0.02	..
CML(Pen):Equity Cap	627.8	660.8	+4.42	..
CML(Pen):Equity Inv	722.4	760.4	+5.09	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	225.5	238.5	+1.80	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	260.7	274.4	+3.71	..
CML(Pen):Index Cap	131.2	138.1	+1.66	..
CML(Pen):Index Inv	160.4	168.9	+2.03	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	326.6	337.5	+1.43	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	368.9	388.3	+1.89	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
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Var Ann Accum (5)	297.78		+5.14	
Var Ann (5)	99.66		+0.80	
Prime: Managed	237.2	249.7	+2.1	..
Prime: UK Equity	285.4	300.5	+2.9	..
Prime: Int Equity	170.5	179.5	+0.3	..
Prime: Property	139.5	146.9	+0.6	..
Prime: Fixed Interest	153.4	161.5	+2.7	..
Prime: Index-Linked	99.9	105.2	+1.2	..
Prime: Cash	129.7	136.6	..	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
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Managed Fund	633.6	667.1	..	..
Equity Fund	909.3	957.1	..	..
PIF Fund	1226.9	43	..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	327.0	344.2	+1.6	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	239.9	252.5	+5.3	..
Life Equity Accum	412.1	433.7	+2.0	..
Life Money Accum	192.3	202.3	+0.3	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	402.7	423.8	+2.4	..
Life Int Accum	290.2	305.4	-2.5	..
Life High Inc Accum	445.5	468.9	+2.9	..
Life Property Accum	193.7	203.8	..	..
Crown Bnd Inv A	641.4	711.6	..	..
Brown Equity	568.8	619.7	-24.3	..
DBS Managed	213.3	224.5	+11.4	..
Growth Accum	218.5	230.0	..	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
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Cash	146.6	154.4	..	..
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Midland Bk Int	195.2	205.5	-2.2	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
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Secure Fund	111.9	118.9	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	148.4	147.8	+1.3	..
Advenaurous Fund	146.6	153.3	+2.9	..
Performance Fund	148.2	156.1	+2.1	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
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Eagle/Midland Units	171.3	177.5	+1.4	4.82
EQUITY & LAW				
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UK Equities Fund	477.6	502.7	+6.3	..
Higher Income Fund	489.9	526.2	+10.8	..
Property Fund	307.4	323.5	+0.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	269.4	271.9	+2.5	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	103.7	109.1	+1.6	..
Gld Deposit Fund	186.6	196.4	-0.1	..
Nth America Fund	185.5	195.2	+1.4	..
Far East Fund	210.8	222.1	+7.6	..
Europe Fund	156.5	164.7	-1.4	..
International Fund	258.8	272.4	+3.0	..
Mixed Fund	358.3	375.6	+3.7	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
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0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	162.3	170.9	+2.1	..
UK Equity	191.6	201.7	+2.8	..
Stewardship	206.6	217.7	+4.8	..
Overseas Equity	148.4	156.3	+1.3	..
North American	74.7	78.7	+0.4	..
Pacific Basin	82.6	87.0	+2.2	..
European	78.7	82.9	+0.5	..
Property	152.6	160.7	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	140.3	147.7	+2.7	..
Index Linked	98.5	103.8	+1.7	..
Cash	125.5	133.2	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT				
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01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	178.6	188.0	+2.3	..
GT Plan High Yield	220.0	231.6	-1.6	..
GT Plan Far East	194.3	204.6	+4.4	..
GT Plan North Amer	104.6	110.4	-1.0	..
GT Plan UK & GE	253.2	268.7	-1.2	..
GT Plan Worldwide	228.7	240.8	+4.6	..
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Managed	118.3	124.5	+1.0	..
UK Equity	166.1	174.8	+0.9	..
Fixed Int	122.7	130.2	+0.9	..
Index-Linked	97.0	102.1	+1.9	..
Cash Deposit	113.3	119.3	..	..
Property	118.7	124.9	..	..
International	94.8	99.8

FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

THIS WEEK

Turn to pages 32 and 33 for the 1987 Unit Trust Competition winners and the 1988 unit Trust Competiton with a new twist.

Last year the experts who were brave enough to make predictions in public were beaten by the army of amateur investors. While our supreme champion turned his imaginary £300 into £356.60, the best our expert panel could manage was a £21.80 loss.

But they will have another chance to pit their skills against all-comers when we ask them to make their selection next week for our new competiton. But you can make your selection this week using our full unit trust price guide.

The high street gets its brokers with a difference

SHARES

National Westminster Bank and Barclays Bank are pressing ahead with their plans to bring stockbroking to the high street despite the crash.

Both offer something a little different for the investor. At NatWest, you can watch as you deal instantly on a touch-sensitive computer screen in any of 20 top shares, with a contract note for the transaction issued immediately.

The minimum charge is the same as that for the over-the-counter dealing at a NatWest branch — but earlier this month that was quietly increased from £20 to £25.

The service will be available in 20 branches from Monday and widened to 245 branches by March 21 to give a nationwide service.

Screen dealing will be handled by the bank's market-making subsidiary, County NatWest, but investors are guaranteed "best execution" — this means shares will be bought at the cheapest price on offer in the market and sold at the highest price.

When a customer goes into a NatWest branch and asks to deal, an operator will be on hand to execute the deal. The buy and sell prices shown for dealing hold good for one minute while the client decides whether or not to go ahead with it.

NatWest got into gear with screen dealing when the privatization issues came along. This improved system, however, takes slightly longer to execute as extra information is fed into the computer to handle share registration.

NatWest says the average transaction should take no longer than four minutes.

NatWest

Nominee accounts will not be allowed on the touch-screen dealing. Clients will hold their own share certificates.

The Barclayshare operation, on the other hand, will handle *all* the paperwork associated with dealing on the stock market on behalf of its clients. It will even provide clients with a year-end report on dividend income, which can be sent direct to the Inland Revenue.

The new system began on Black Monday when 20 branches were hooked up. The vast majority can now offer the service and all will be direct-dealing by the end of next week. Customers can already deal by telephone. Barclayshare has more than 700 clients for the service but will launch a publicity campaign next month.

Although the minimum there is only £16 a time, dealing-only clients have to pay a fee of £10 twice a year, and anyone wanting advice will have to pay £15 a quarter.

The system gives Barclayshare customers direct access to BZW stockbrokers via the telephone either from home or any of more than 2,000 Barclays branches. Customers using the system will have to open a Barclays account but they need not move their main account to the bank.

The Barclays account can be either a current account or a Barclayshare Investor Account, which pays interest at 5.75 per cent on sums up to £10,000.

The bank will ask advisory clients at the outset about their tax position, degree of risk they want and investment strategy so that when they telephone, individually tailored advice can be given.

Before Big Bang, a great many private investors were

BARCLAYS

looking forward to the deregulation of the stock market, promising, as it did, to bring down the costs of dealing.

But although the big investing institutions are now paying significantly less for their share transactions, the majority of private investors are paying a great deal more.

For although it is true that the percentage levied on every deal has been cut slightly, minimum commissions have risen very sharply. It is not only the big City firms that have been hit heavily by the crash. Many small private client stockbrokers are also feeling the pinch.

Whether the sharp decline in business will bring a reduction in the levels of commission remains to be seen. It may, of course, simply exacerbate the problems.

However, those smaller investors inclined to throw in the towel completely should not despair. There are some cheap firms around.

I know of at least one that still charges only £10 on deals under £700. Unfortunately, I have been sworn to secrecy, for the firm readily admits that if too many people get to hear about it, it will no longer be able to hold out against the tide. If you are fed up with seeing "minimum commission" on all your contract notes, it could be worth your while ringing round.

Until October 27, 1986, only those investors buying less than £606 worth of shares would have seen the phrase minimum commission on their contract notes. Even when the minimum was incurred, it was only £10. Increased competition between stockbroking firms has not helped to keep costs down.

The new technology necessary in every stockbroker's



The shape of things from Monday: NatWest's touch screen

office has proved to be particularly expensive, while even the smallest broker has felt the effects of last year's soaring staff salaries in the Square Mile.

The back-office settlement problems, which bedevilled so many stockbroking firms in the final, hectic months of the roaring bull market last year did nothing to help keep costs down. Although minimum commissions have gradually risen around the country, it is generally true that stockbrokers outside London are cheaper than those in the capital.

The Leeds-based firm of Redmayne-Bentley now charges at least £15 on purchases, for instance. So does Albert E. Sharp's Sharelink in Birmingham. The three Debenhams' share shops — two in London and one in Bristol — and Debenhams Teletrade, which gives advice as well as telephone dealing, have a £22 minimum, while Quilter Goodison's shop in Selfridges in Oxford Street, London, levies £25.

Alexanders Laing & Cruikshank has recently increased its minimum to £30, while if you want to deal with BZW or Sheppards, you will have to pay at least £50 for the privilege.

At the latter price, you need to be buying well over £3,000 worth of shares a time to avoid minimum commission.

Simon Rose

PEPs leak plugged by taxman

The leakage in that handy tax vessel, the Personal Equity Plan, has been comprehensively plugged by the Inland Revenue.

A slip-up in the drafting of the rules — no one considered the possibility of investors making losses in PEPs — meant that such losses could be offset against gains outside the PEP for capital gains purposes.

Investors who have crystallized losses by selling shares on or before last Monday, January 18, within their PEP can still use them to mitigate gains outside the PEP. However, that seepage has now been stopped.

If you have a managed PEP you should ask your plan manager to tell you of any crystallized losses within it.

Mike Truman, of tax consultancy Taxpartner Services, claims that the Revenue has still left a gap in the PEPs legislation.

He believes that losses outside the PEP will have to be offset against gains within it, "wasting" losses that could be used to offset gains that might result in an actual tax charge.

Not so, according to the Revenue. "There is no foundation at all for that belief," said a Revenue spokesman. He believes the amendment to the legislation makes it clear that PEPs are stand-alone investments for tax purposes as long as they are held for the qualifying time of a full calendar year.

The only way to crystallize tax losses (or gains) made within a PEP for tax purposes after last Monday is to cancel the PEP and unwind the tax protection.

Vivien Goldsmith

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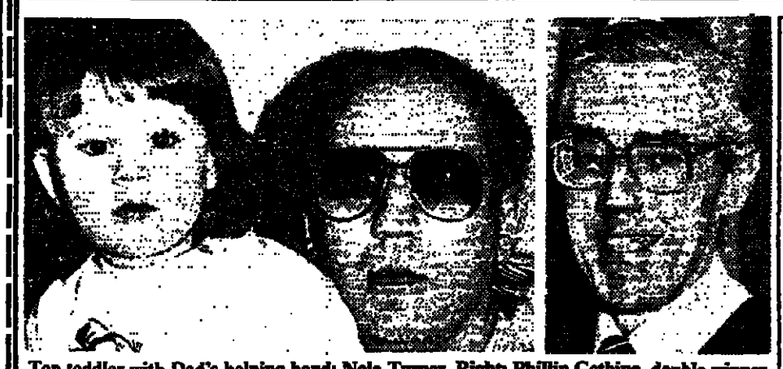
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FAMILY MONEY



Top toddler with Dad's helping hand: Nola Turner. Right: Phillip Gething, double winner

How that crash hit our hopefuls

The stock market collapse, not surprisingly, left our contestants' portfolios in a less than happy state, and most were nursing a paper loss by the end of the year. Of the nine prize-winners, only eight showed a profit – which is more than can be said for the panellists.

So, after such a traumatic year, Dr Phillip Gething, of Fleet, Hampshire, certainly deserves a pat on the back – he won the general category *and* produced the highest return of all 3,800 entrants.

Dr Gething, a scientist, retired recently from his communications job at the Defence Ministry. He describes *himself* as "interested in investment but not avid". He has invested in unit trusts for more than 20 years. The funds he selected a year ago are Mercury Recovery (accumulation units), Legal & General UK Special Situations and Key Income. The £300 split equally had risen to £356.60 by the end of the year.

Key Income performed best, turning in £137.20, and Legal & General UK Special Sits and Mercury Recovery rose to £111.80 and £107.60 respectively.

Dr Gething says: "I picked an income fund because I think an income unit trust has some defensive value if the market drops and I thought the other two would be good for growth." He says he was helped by the performance tables in *Planned Savings*.

Dr Gething is particularly pro-Key Income. He actually holds Key Income units. He adds for *1988*: "I'm sticking with Key Income. I hope the market will be about 15 per cent higher at the end of the year. Now I'm retired, I'm investing a little for income, and have a scattering of international income funds, but for growth I'll stick to the UK."

Dr Gething will not be investing his £500, however. "It's likely I'll put it to some more personal use," he says.

Two entrants tie for second place in the general category. Geraldine Watt, of Glasgow, and Lynne Bell, of Tyne and Wear, both turned their £300 into £347.70 and will each receive £200. Mrs Watt was the only winner to pick the best performer – Guinness Mahon High Income.

THE UNDER-18s CATEGORY produced the biggest surprise – the winner is Nola Turner, a 21-month-old child from Luton, Bedfordshire. Her father Roy, who is at present unemployed, explained that he had chosen about 20 funds and had told his three small children to pick three each.

Although the spirit of the competition is to encourage young people to test their own investment skills, no minimum age has been stated in the past. And, of course, as Mr Turner pointed out, a 17-year-old could just as easily, if not as obviously, have had parental help. Anyway, congratulations, Nola!

The funds chosen were valued at £318.40 at the end of the year. Sun Life's Managed High Yield was the best at £120.50, followed closely by FS Balanced Growth with £118.60. Sun Life Managed Growth, which actually shrank to £79.30, proved a poor third choice.

Mr Turner says that studying investments is his hobby, although he does not hold unit trusts himself. Asked about the three funds, he says he liked FS as a group and thought Sun Life would be "a bit safer if markets didn't perform as well as expected". For this year Mr Turner is hopeful for smaller companies and thinks "gold might spring a surprise". In general, he favours the UK.

Mr Turner says the £500 will be divided between his three children. The runner-up in this category is 10-year-old Gregory Taussik, from Havant, Hampshire. Gregory made the choices unaided, but relied rather heavily on instinct or good luck! Duncan Brock, aged 17, from North Humberside, who hopes to make investment his career, came third.

IN THE PROFESSIONALS' CATEGORY the highest growth was achieved by John Kelly, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. Mr Kelly, formerly an electrical engineer, is now a sole independent adviser in semi-retirement, specializing in selecting unit trusts for growth. He aims to select trusts that are accelerating, and he has written computer programs to identify them.

The three funds he believed were going up this time last year were Baltic Special Situations, which rose to £117.10, Henderson Recovery, up to £110.10, and Target Special Situations, which fell to £84.30. His £300 therefore stood at £311.50. Today Mr Kelly says: "I certainly wouldn't go outside the UK at the moment. Events since Black Monday have so churned up the waters that it's difficult to see this year's winners. In the short term I would certainly pick the UK."



Seeking growth: John Kelly

And his £500? "I think I'll use it towards a holiday in Jamaica."

Clive Brimelow, from Macclesfield, Cheshire, is the runner-up in this category, and A.J. Tripp, from Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, is third for the second year running.

OUR PANELLISTS turned in a sorry set of figures – the pecking order is based on who made the smallest loss, not the greatest gain. Peter Edwards, of Bristol-based Premier Unit Trust Brokers, took the honours, turning in a total of £278.20. The other panellists, Peter Hargreaves, of Hargreaves Lansdown, Jamie Berry, of Berry Asset Management, Mark Searle, formerly with Richards Longstaff, and *The Times*, turned their £300 into £273.40, £237.50, £223.90 and £220.90 respectively.

Amanda Pardoe

● Statistics and results were compiled by *Planned Savings*

Softly, softly, for the 1988 competition

This year our unit trust competition is a little different. Instead of asking you to pick a "first past the post" winner, we are heeding all the current advice to take a softly-softly approach to equity investment and inviting you to embark on a regular savings plan.

The merit of a savings plan is that your money is invested month by month. In the months when prices are low your money buys you a large number of units, and when the price rises you automatically buy fewer units with your monthly sum. At the end of the period you will have a parcel of units bought for less than the average cost of the units over your period of investment. That, in a nutshell, is the essence of "pound cost averaging".

The laggard trust can still make a spurt and come out on top, and this effect will be magnified over a normal initial lump sum investment strategy because investors will have been able to pick up a large number of units in the dullard days.

So, regular savings plans are ideal for those who believe the market is hitting bottom and heading for recovery. A month-by-month investment strategy favours the brave. The best rewards come from volatile trusts where the price moves sharply up and down emphasizing the effect of pound cost averaging. But if the trust is down in the doldrums at the end of the competition, the high-risk strategy will have flopped.

Next week our trio of experts will make their pick and explain their choices. But remember, *your* entry must be at *The Times* offices by the following Tuesday, February 2, so you could miss the post if you wait until next weekend to view the professional naps.

We are giving you a theoretical £50 a month to invest for 11 months. You have the whole range of unit trusts on offer to choose from – not just those that actually run savings schemes. The money will be invested on the first of every month from February to December (or the nearest working day) and the winner will be the one whose trust holdings are worth the most at opening dealing prices on Monday, January 2, 1989.

You must pick one trust and a back-up trust, which will be taken into account only if more than one person picks the winning trust.

The statistics are being compiled for us by Micropal and we shall review the progress of regular savings plans through the year so that you can keep track of your selection.

There are three sections with prizes of £500, £250 and £150 to be won in every category. All nine prize-winners will also have the pick of either *The Times 1000* directory of the world's companies, costing £22.50, or *The Times Atlas of the World*, costing £55. One section is for anyone who has financial dealings with the public – professional financial advisers, bank managers, accountants and stockbrokers, for example. Another is for the general public, and there is a youth section for those aged 12 to 20 on the closing date.

THE RULES

- Competitors are invited to use their skill and judgment to select the authorized unit trust (not offshore funds) that they believe will give the best return from a regular savings plan run from February to December 1988.
- The theoretical savings plan will invest on the first of every month.
- The performance will be monitored by Micropal and is on an offer-to-bid basis ignoring annual management charges, with net income reinvested.
- In the case of more than one person selecting the winning trust, the second choice will be used to determine the winner.
- In the event of trusts merging, final performance will be calculated as performance to the date of the merger, plus performance of the merged trust to the end of the competition period.
- Entries will be limited to one per person and must be made on an official form printed in *The Times*. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- Entrants must give their home address and a telephone number (preferably a daytime number) so that prizes can be handed out swiftly and accurately. Entries that do not include a telephone number will be excluded from the competition.
- Employees of News International and Times Newspapers and their families are not eligible to enter.
- Entries must be received by Tuesday, February 2, 1988. Proof of posting will not be accepted as evidence of receipt.
- The editors' decision in all matters is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone (day):

Telephone (evening):

My unit trust choice for a regular savings plan for 1988 is

Second choice

Category (please tick appropriate box)
General ☐ Professional ☐ Under 20 years ☐

Send completed entry form to: The Editor, Family Money, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.
Mark the envelope UNIT TRUST COMPETITION

Entries to arrive by February 2, 1988

Every portfolio should, we believe, include about 10% which is given over to investments offering higher risk and higher potential returns.

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Essentially, it combines the proven high performance of investment trusts with the simplicity of unit trusts.

It's a way in which unit trust investors can enjoy the special advantages which investment trusts offer, without having the specialist knowledge required to invest in them.

Investment trusts are public limited companies which invest in shares of other companies.

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There are the investment trust managers themselves, who research and select the best worldwide investments. Then there are Crown's unit trust managers, who will select the pick of the investment trusts.

The way in which investment trusts operate opens up several exciting opportunities for all-out capital growth, which is what our new unit trust aims to achieve.

Firstly, they have far wider investment powers than unit trusts can currently demonstrate. For example, they can buy futures and options and use the smaller USM (Unlisted Securities Market) and provide venture capital.

Secondly, they can 'gear up', that is to say, borrow money to fund acquisitions. So when particularly exciting investment opportunities arise – such as in the current market environment where certain 'blue chip' shares are under-valued – they can step in and buy at very advantageous prices.

Thirdly, the price of investment trust shares often stands at a discount to the value of the underlying assets. Following the recent market falls, discounts have widened which means extra growth potential when markets recover and discounts narrow. The average discount currently stands at 20%, so for every £100 invested the trust could get £120 of assets.

Crown's investment managers will pick the cream of the 150 investment trusts quoted on the London Stock Exchange, managed by such reputable and experienced investment houses as F&C, Murray Johnstone and Robert Fleming.

We already have extensive experience in managing portfolios of investment trusts. For example our Crown Life and Pensions Funds have been top performers in their sectors since launch.

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Managers: Crown Unit Trust Services Ltd., International Office, Crown House, Crown Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 1XW.

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I/We wish to receive further details of Crown's range of unit trusts YES/NO

My financial adviser is

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APPLICATION FORM
To: Crown Unit Trust Services Ltd., FREEPOST (no stamp needed), Woking, Surrey GU21 1BR.
Telephone: (04862) 5033 or 0800 525151.
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Original investment £100 on February 1, 1987, current value on January 1, 1988, offer-to-offer price basis, net income reinvested
11-month indices: FTA All Share 98.6, FT Ordinary 97.7, Cptl Intl World 83.8, Cptl Intl USA 73.3

Guinness Mahon High Inc	155.8
Royal Trust Pref Share	148.7
Manolite UK Smaller Cos	147.8
Baring Japan Sunrise	139.7
Sun Life Managed Income	138.3
Key Income	137.2
Wellington Income	133.4
Grofund Gilt	132.1
Temple Bar Unlisted Secs	131.8
Target Preference Share	131.3
Glen Income	129.7
NM Australia	129.5
M&A Income	129.0
Aetna Smaller Cos Div	128.6
Govett UK Smaller Cos	128.6
Henderson Prefnce & Gilt	127.9
Laurentian High Income	126.5
LAS Income & Growth	125.4
Windsor Conv & Equity	125.3
Glen Capital	125.1
Scimitar UK Equity Inc	124.8
M&G Midland & General	123.8
Hill Samuel Jap Tech	123.5
Discretionary	123.0
Tyndall Smaller Cos	123.7
Fidelity Japan Spec Sits	123.0
Clerical Med Spec Sits	122.5
PM Equity Growth	122.4
Hambros High Income	122.3
Sun Life UK Income	121.9
Laurentian Growth	121.1
Henderson Sm Cos Divs	121.1
Buckmaster Smaller Cos	121.1
Brewin Dividend	121.1
Windsor Income	121.0
Baltic Gilt & Fixd Interst	121.0
Prov Capitol UK High Inc	120.8
Murray Smaller Cos	120.8
Target Convertible	120.7
Windsor Growth	120.6
Sun Life Man High Yld	120.5
Vanguard Abgdn Fnd Ass	120.3
Key Fixed Interest	120.2
Wardley Income	120.2
Eagle Star UK High Inc	120.1
Temple Bar Smaller Cos	119.8
Lloyds Bk Sm Cos & Rec	119.7
NM Schroder Jap Smr Cos	119.4
Framlington Mnthly Inc	119.3
Lazard Small Cos Growth	119.0
Framlington Extra Income	119.0
FS Balanced Growth	118.6
New Court Smaller Cos	118.4
Pegasus High Income	118.3
PM Income & Growth	117.8
Royal Lon High Inc	117.4
Sun Alliance Equity Inc	117.3
MLA Gilt	117.3
M&G Smaller Companies	117.2
Garmore High Income	117.1
Baltic Special Sits	117.1
Holborn Premier	117.0
Henderson Extra Income	116.9
Asset Income	116.8
Granville Small Cos	116.8
FS Higher Yield	116.8
Buckmaster Income	116.7
Fidelity Special Sits	116.7
Royal London Gilt Income	116.6
Yorkshire General Trust	116.5
Govett UK Prog Inc	116.4
Cannon Japan	116.3
Standard Life Gilt & FI	116.2
Holborn Equity Income	116.1
Henderson Fixed Interest	116.1
Dimensional UK Smll Cos	116.1
MIM Brit Extra Income	116.1
Arkwright	116.0
Brown Shipley Intl Recovr	115.9
L&C Income	115.8
MIM Brit Pref Share	115.7
PK English Trust Income	115.7
Aetna Preference	115.6
Gart UK Smr Cos Rec	115.6
Abbey Capital Reserve	115.5
Aetna High Yield	115.2
Murray Equity Income	114.9
PK English Trust UK Grth	114.7
S&P Smaller Cos Income	114.6
Manulife High Yielding GT	114.6
Crown Japanese	114.5
Vanguard High Yield	114.2
Sun Life Japan Growth	114.2
M&G Conversion Income	114.2
Hill Samuel Smaller Cos	114.2
Baltic Income & Growth	114.2
Hill Samuel High Yield	114.1
Pembroke Fund	114.0
Aetna Smaller Cos Grth	114.0
GT Income	114.0
M&G Recovery	113.9
EFM High Distribution	113.9
Friars House Income	113.8
Candlle Gilt & Fixd Intrs	113.8
Tyndall UK Growth	113.7
PM Japan Growth	113.5
Tyndall Conv & General	113.4
Stewart Ivory British	113.4
Crown High Income	113.1
St Vincent High Income	113.1
Holborn High Income	113.0
Brit Arrow Extra Income	113.0
L&G Eq Income	113.0
Allied Dunbar Asset Value	113.0
Garmore Extra Income	112.9
Equitable High Income	112.9
Baltic Japan & General	112.9
MIM Brit Smaller Cos	112.9
BG Convertible and Gen	112.8
Barclayunic Extra Income	112.8
Allied Dunbar Smaller Cos	112.8
Klein Brmgtn Gilt Yield	112.7
Gartmore Income	112.7
Friends' Prov Stewardship	112.7
Scot Mutl UK Smr Cos	112.6
NM Schroder Tokyo	112.6
S&P Scotshares	112.5
M&G Japan Smaller Cos	112.5
Mercury Income	112.4
Legal & General Gilt	112.4
CU Income	112.4
Royal Trust High Yield	112.4
Abbey Gilt & Fixed Intrst	112.4
Mercury Gilt	112.3
Aetna Financial & Proprty	112.3
Friends' Prov Fixed Intrst	112.3
Allied Dunbar Conv & Gilt	112.3
Prolific Extra Income	112.2
Cannon Income	112.0
M&G Dividend	111.9
Clerical Med Eqty High Inc	111.9
F&C Income	111.9
United Charities	111.8
Legal & General Spec Sits	111.8
EFM Growth & Income	111.7
MIM Brit Jap Smr Cos	111.6
M&G Comm & General	111.6
PS Service Companies	111.5
M&G Extra Yield	111.5
Gartmore Fixed Interest	111.4
Manulife Growth	111.4
Brewin Intl Growth & Inc	111.4
Eagle Star UK Growth	111.3
Baring Japan Special	111.2
Midland Bk Extra High Inc	111.1
Baltic High Income	111.0
TSB Extra Income	111.0
Royal Life Gilt & Fix Int	110.9
M&G High Income	110.9
Henderson Gilt	110.9
Barclayunic Recovery	110.8
Standard Life UK Eq Inc	110.8
Gartmore Japan Sel Opp	110.7
RBC Select Income	110.7
Manulife Gilt & Fix Int	110.7
Lon & Manchstr Inc	110.7
Eagle Star UK Gilt & FI	110.7
MIM Brit Growth Gilt	110.6
Barclayunic "500"	110.5
TR Income Monthly	110.5
Allied Dun Govt Sec	110.5
Prolific Convert & Gilt	110.4
Trades Union Units	110.4
Manlb Crt Eqty Inc	110.4
Guinness Mahon Rec	110.4
Royal Trust Smaller Cos	110.3
Royal Trust Income	110.1
Hill Samuel Income	110.1
Henderson Recovery	110.1
Clerical Med Gilt & Fd Gr	110.1
Swiss Life Fixed Interest	110.0
Holborn Smaller Cos	109.9
NM Schroder Income	109.9
Govett Gold & Minerals	109.9
Equity & Law Gilt Fix Int	109.9
Allied Dunbar 2nd SM Cos	109.8
Clerical Med Gilt & Fl Inc	109.8
Aetna UK Growth	109.7
MIM Brit Income & Growth	109.7
Prolific High Income	109.6
Royal Trust Equity Income	109.6
Abbey High Income Equity	109.6
Aetna Income & Growth	109.5
TR Smaller Companies	109.2
NM Schroder Ext Inc	109.2
S&P Special Situations	109.2
Tyndall Income	109.1
F&C Fixed Interest	109.1
MIM Brit Gilt	109.1
Henderson Inc & Gth	109.0
Henderson High Income	109.0
Confederation Growth	109.0
Garmore Global Inc & Gth	108.9
NM Schroder Gilt & Fixed	108.9
M&G Gilt & Fix Int Income	108.9
Lazard Income	108.8
Framlington Income	108.8
Klein Brmgtn High Yield	108.7
James Capel Income	108.7
S&P Income	108.6
Dunedin British Growth	108.6
S&W Smaller Securities	108.4
Midland Bk High Yield	108.3
LAS UK Equity	108.3
Whitbread Shrt Dated Gilt	108.2
Wardley Japan	108.2
Elm Smlr Jap Cos	108.2
S&P Gilt & Fix Int Income	108.1
Holborn Special Sits	108.0
Midland Bk Gilt & Fix Int	108.0
Royal Lon Inc & Gth	107.9
Allied Dunbar Recovery	107.9
Hill Samuel Gilt & Fl Inc	107.8
GRE Smaller Companies	107.8
Yorkshire Gen Income	107.8
Midland Bk Capital	107.7
Manulife High Income	107.7
M&G Trustee	107.7
Brown Shipley Income	107.7
New Court Income	107.7
Mercury Recovery	107.6
Royal Life Equity Growth	107.6
Lloyds Bk Extra Income	107.6
GRE Gilt & Fixed Interest	107.6
MIM Brit Nat High Income	107.6
Wardley Small Cos	107.6
Allied Dunbar High Yield	107.6
FS Income Growth Fund	107.5
S&P Commodity Share	107.4
SIM UT Income	107.4
M&G Conversion Growth	107.4
Hambros Smr Cos	107.4
Bishopsgate Progressive	107.4
Baring First Smaller Cos	107.4
Sun Life Canada UK Inc	107.3
BS Caversham Extra Inc	107.3
Framlington Convr & Gilt	107.3
Barclayunic Gilt Inc	107.3
Wright Selligman Growth	107.2
Vanguard Special Sits	107.1
NM Schroder Spec	107.1
Dunedin Japan Smi Cos	107.1
Barclayunic Trustee	107.1
BG Income Growth	107.1
Govett UK Spec Opps	107.0
Bridge Income	107.0
Barclayunic Leisure	107.0
TSB Gilt & Fixed Interest	106.9
Midland Bk Income	106.9
Midland Bk Smaller Cos	106.9
Equitable Gilt & Fxd Intr	106.9
Clerical Med Jap Gth	106.9
Royal Trust Pfllo Deposit	106.8
Lloyds Bk Income	106.8
Hambros Equity Income	106.8
S&P High Return	106.6
Framlington Capital	106.6
Equity & Law Highr Inc	106.5
Friars House Capital	106.4
TR Special Opportunities	106.3
Allied Dunbar Equity Inc	106.3
Allied Dun High Inc	106.2
S&P Scotyields	106.1
Asset Growth	106.0
Equitable Pelican	106.0
Klein Brmgtn Smlr Cos	106.0
Pearl Income	105.9
MGM High Income	105.9
Lazard Income & Growth	105.9
Grofund Equity	105.7
Henderson Special Sits	105.6
Quadrant Special Sits	105.5
Brit Arrow Income & Grow	105.4
TSB Income	105.4
Henderson Worldwide	105.4
CU UK & General	105.4
Target Income	105.3
Clerical Med General Eqty	105.3
MIM Brit Universal Energy	105.2
Wardley UK	105.1
Mayflower Income	105.1
IBI Income Plus	105.0
Brycourt Income Growth	105.0
Triton General Trust	104.8
Crusader UK Income	104.8
Candlle Income	104.8
Barclayunic Income	104.8
Standard Life UK Eq Grth	104.7
Key Higher Income	104.7
Royal Life High Inc Eq	104.7
IBI Capital Growth	104.7
Hill Samuel Special Sits	104.7
F&C UK Growth	104.7
M&G Second General	104.5
Fidelity Gilt & Fixd Intr	104.5
Brown Shipley Small Cos	104.4
S&P High Yield	104.4
SIM UT UK Equity	104.4
BS Second General	104.4
Dunedin Income	104.4
Brown Ship High Inc	104.4
Abbey Assets & Earnings	104.3
TR Income Growth	104.3
Abtrust Extra Income	104.3
GT UK Capital	104.3
Brown Shipley Portfolio	104.3
Barclayunic General	104.2
Brit Arrow Special Sits	104.2
Brewin Capital	104.1
Oppenheimer High Inc	104.0
Stewart Ivory Japan	103.9
SIM UT Australian Inc	103.9
Baring Equity Income	103.9
Allied Dun Mat Min Com	103.9
Wisler Quarterley Income	103.8
Brit Arrow Gilt Strategy	103.8
Barclayunic Financial	103.8
Quadrant Income	103.8
NM Schroder Smaller Cos	103.5
Hambro General Prop Shr	103.4
Swiss Life Equity	103.4
NM Schroder UK Equity	103.4
Brit Arrow Smaller Cos	103.4
Eagle Star UK Balanced	103.3
Quadrant General	103.3
Equitable Special Sits	103.3
Vanguard Trustee	103.2
Marlborough Cri UK Equity	103.2
Fidelity Max Income Eqty	103.2
Abbey General	103.1
Brown Shipley Financial	103.0
GRE Property Share	103.0
BG Energy	102.9
TR General Growth	102.9
RBC Select Growth	102.8
S&P International Bond	102.8
Royal London Special Sits	102.8
Anderson Growth	102.7
Target Equity	102.7
Reliance	102.7
Northgate	102.6
M&G Compound Growth	102.6
Klein Brmgtn Jap Special	102.5
SKG Inc & Gth Ret	102.4
Mercury General	102.4
Baring First Japan	102.4
Royal Trust Fixed & Conv	102.3
S&P Energy Industries	102.2
Gresham Income	102.2
Pegasus Equity	102.2
Laurentian International	102.2
Klein Brmgtn General	102.2
Gartmore Internat Fix Int	102.2
Fidelity Growth & Income	102.1
Scot Mutual UK Equity	102.1
Lloyds Bk Balanced	102.1
Buckmaster Fellshp Tst	102.0
Buckmaster General	102.0
S&P UK Equity	102.0
Holborn Equity	101.9
Schimitar Pacific Basin	101.9
Sentinel Smaller Cos	101.8
Whitangdale Challenger	101.8
TSB Selected Opps	101.8
Baring Growth & Income	101.7
M&G General	101.6
Sun Life UK Growth	101.6
Mayflower General	101.6
Chelt & Gl UK Gth	101.6
F&C Natural Resources	101.5
Perpetual Income	101.5
Allied Dunbar Balanced	101.5
Abbey Income & Growth	101.5
Hill Samuel Financial	101.4
Cornhill International	101.4
Clerical Med Pedigree Gth	101.4
Prov Capitol Japan	101.3

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Lazard Capital	101.2
Reliance British Life	101.2
Anderson Income	101.2
Garmore Gold Share	101.1
Abbey UK Growth	101.1
Helstar Gilt & Fix Int	101.0
Henderson Inc & Assets	101.0
Klein Brmgtn Pacific	101.0
CS Japan	101.0
Aetna Japan Growth	100.9
MGM UK Growth	100.8
Hill Samuel Security	100.8
GRE Growth Equity	100.8
S&P Scotbits	100.8
M&G Gold & General	100.8
Allied Dunbar Grwth & Inc	100.8
S&P Japan Smaller Cos	100.5
SIM UT Smaller Cos	100.5
Pearl Equity Trust Inc	100.5
Lloyds Bk UK Growth	100.5
Canzon Growth	100.5
F&C Far Eastern	100.4
Prolific Special Situatns	100.3
Brit Arrow Intl Recovery	100.3
Key Equity and General	100.3
Equity & Law Far East	100.3
UK Provident UK Equity	100.2
Aetna UK Growth	100.2
Sentinel Special Sits	100.2
MIM Brit Special Features	100.1
Cler Med Indxd Secs	100.0
TSB General	100.0
Scottish UM Income	100.0
Holborn Japanese	100.0
Abbey Japan	100.0
Brown Shipley Recovery	99.9
Sun Alliance Equity	99.8
Brit Arrow Great Brit Cos	99.8
Hill Samuel British	99.8
Hill Samuel Natural Resrcs	99.8
Barclayunic Special Sits	99.8
Scottish Life Nelson	99.7
Govett Japan Growth	99.6
Sentinel Secure Income	99.6
Barclayunic Capital	99.4
TSB British Growth	99.3
Sun Life Canada UK Gth	99.3
Holborn Com'cations Trst	99.3
Legal & General Nat Resor	99.3
NPI UK Unit Trust	99.2
MLA General	99.2
Merlin International Grth	99.2
G and A	99.2
Equity & Law UK Growth	99.1
NM Schroder Far Eastern	99.0
Simon & Coates Speci Sits	98.9
Target UK Capital	98.9
Aetna Special Situations	98.9
Friends' Prov Equity	98.9
Barclayunic Japan & Gen	98.7
Lon & Manchstr Gen	98.7
Lloyds Bk Japan Growth	98.7
Framlington Japan & Gen	98.7
MIM Brit Japan Perf	98.7
Waverley Glnnie Mae ($)	98.6
Crown Growth	98.5
Standard Life Far East	98.4
Fidelity Famous Names	98.4
Darlington Total Performce	98.3
Vanguard Growth	98.3
Pegasus Pacific	98.3
New Court Major UK Cos	98.3
Avon Equity	98.3
Bishopsgate Can & Foreign	98.2
Aetna Intn'l Earnings	98.2
S&P Exploration	98.2
Minster	98.2
Legal & General Japanese	98.2
Allied Dunbar Accumulator	98.1
Holborn UK Growth	97.8
Prov Capitol UK Equity	97.8
Norwich Union Trust	97.8
Crusader UK Growth	97.6
Royal Life Eq	97.5
Continental Life Gth	97.4
S&P Japan Growth	97.4
Lloyds Bk Energy Internd	97.4
Sentinel UK General	97.3
Wisler Growth	97.2
Sentinel Internl Income	97.2
Abbey Worldwide Bond	97.1
S&P Masterfund	97.1
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Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+4	+4	+3	+5		
2	+8	+5	+3	+4	+4		
3	+5	+5	+6	+2	+4		
4	+6	+4	+2	+5	+6		
5	+8	+3	+4	+3	+6		
6	+6	+5	+2	+7	+7		
7	+7	+7	+3	+4	+5		
8	+4	+5	+5	+2	+3		
9	+7	+7	+5	+3	+2		
10	+7	+2	+3	+5	+4		
11	+4	+4	+5	+2	+2		
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29	+4	+5	+7	+2	+1		
30	+5	+3	+3	+5	+6		
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33	+5	+3	+3	+5	+5		
34	+7	+3	+5	+5	+5		
35	+5	+8	+3	+3	+2		
36	+5	+6	+5	+2	+2		
37	+4	+3	+3	+5	+7		
38	+7	+5	+3	+3	+2		
39	+8	+3	+4	+4	+2		
40	+4	+5	+2	+7	+5		
41	+7	+2	+3	+4	+6		
42	+8	+5	+5	+2	+5		
43	+7	+4	+2	+5	+3		
44	+3	+5	+5	+2	+2		

FAMILY MONEY

Making a gain from your loss

TAX

Many investors in shares and unit trusts will be counting both gains and losses in their portfolios this year. So now could be the time to see how to salvage the maximum tax advantages from the losses and also to minimize the fiscal inroads into the gains.

Margot, for example, is a widow in her late sixties who is living reasonably comfortably on a pension from her late husband's employers as well as the state pension.

Her gross pension income of just over £11,000 a year (about £8,700 net after tax) is supplemented by dividend income of more than £2,000 a year from her portfolio and about £800 a year from the building society.

She has about £10,000 on deposit and £75,000 in a mixed portfolio of equities and unit trusts.

Margot's husband died in 1980, leaving her the shares, which, at the time, were worth only £25,000. The portfolio grew in value to its current worth of roughly £60,000, showing a handsome gain, before indexation relief, of £35,000. Of course, before October the profit on paper was roughly one third more.

Unfortunately, such had been Margot's success in the stock market that she decided to invest about £20,000 more, which until June 1987 had been languishing in a building society. She put this money into the various unit trusts well spread over the world's stock markets.

What should Margot do to save Capital Gains Tax both now and in the future?

The first step is to calculate the taxable gains and losses after indexation relief. This particular tax relief is an added complication, but it has the very helpful effect of reducing the amount of a taxable gain or increasing the value of a capital loss. This is achieved by re-valuing the base price of the investment (or the value at March 31, 1982, for investments acquired earlier) by the increase in inflation as measured by the Retail Price Index (RPI), during the period of ownership.

Thus, if the RPI has increased by 10 per cent between the time of buying a share for £10,000 and the time of selling it, the indexation relief is £100 and this is deducted from the profits.

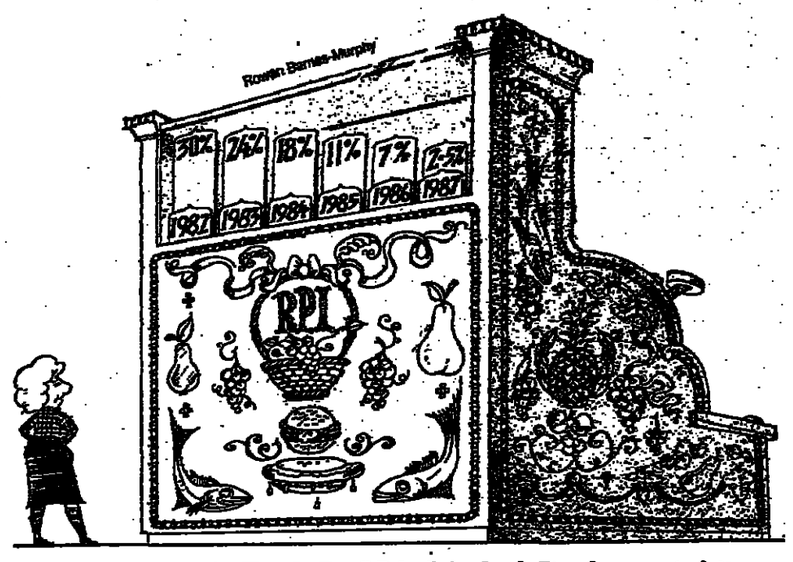
The illustration gives a rough and ready guide to RPI increases from 1982. The Inland Revenue publishes a table every year giving the factors for calculating the indexation more precisely.

Margot's shares were worth roughly £28,000 in March 1982 and it is this figure that is valued according to the increase in the RPI of about 30 per cent. The precise figure will be determined by the exact movement in the RPI to the month in which she makes the disposal.

Investment policy decides tax strategy

Thus, if Margot sold all her origin shares now, excluding the recent loss-makers, the potentially taxable gain would be as follows:

Total proceeds £60,000
Less ..... Base value of £25,000
Less .....
.....Indexation relief of £8,400



Looking back to 1982: How the Retail Price Index has built up increases to date

In other words, there would be a net gain of £26,600.

If she sold her recent acquisitions showing a loss of about £5,000, this loss could be deducted from her gains.

Thus, if Margot were to sell all her holdings today, she would still have a gain of about £21,500. Against this would be set her small gains exemption of £6,600 for the current year. This is the amount of profit that she can realize tax-free after taking into account any realized losses in the current year. The £15,000 balance will be subject to 30 per cent tax and the tax bill payable in December 1988 would be £4,500.

In fact, much of the tax stragegy that Margot should follow will depend on her investment strategy. At one extreme, if she were so unhappy about holding any equities whatsoever, she might sell the lot now and pay the tax regardless. In favour of this course of action would be that she might sleep well at nights in spite of the heavy potential tax bill.

Current structure is satisfactory

If Margot wanted to sell all her equities and is prepared to wait a little while for some of her disposals, she might make the maximum sales possible now without incurring any tax liability.

This would involve realizing gains of about £11,600 after indexation relief. She would then be able to realize the investments on which she is showing the £5,000 loss and set the balance against her £6,600 exemption. After April 5 she could sell more of her shares when the new small gains exemption, which will presumably be even more than the current £6,000, would apply.

However, Margot does not want to abandon equity investments at this stage. Indeed, she is basically happy with the current structure of her shares and unit trusts and would like to let them remain basically unaltered. In this case, she would follow a radically different strategy known as "bed-and-breakfasting", of which more anon.

Danby Bloch and Raymond Godfrey

Share traders in court

FRAUD CASE

Investors in Britain and around the world have lost millions of pounds to a group of Florida-based share fraudsters and their accomplices in Europe, according to allegations made in Chicago by officials of the watchdog Securities and Exchange Commission.

The SEC has begun a legal action against the Fort Lauderdale stock promoter Carl Porto and four alleged accomplices.

The group is said to have promoted five companies using the same fraudulent technique:

- **All were based at Mr Porto's office or a nearby accommodation address**
- **All were headed by directors who were dupes, bribed for the use of their name on company records**
- **All were the subject of glowing press releases based on false information.**

At a court hearing in Chicago on Wednesday Judge Nicholas Bua ordered a total freeze on the assets of all five companies concerned — Sheppard Resources, Pilgrim Venture, Vanguard Financial, Chatsworth Enterprises and Transworld Network.

Defendants pleaded Fifth Amendment

According to an affidavit sworn by Stanley Whitten, chief investigator at the SEC's Chicago office, Mr Porto and three of the four other defendants refused to answer questions put by the SEC, pleading the Fifth Amendment to the US Constitution, which allows a person to remain silent if an answer could be self-incriminating.

He claims Mr Porto and his associates recruited people willing to provide a sample signature and biographical details in return for cash.

The names were then supplied to the authorities as being those of company directors, and forged copies of the signatures were used to open bank accounts.

Mr Porto is alleged to have begun the fraud in December 1985, offering a New Yorker, Dominic DeFilippo, $3,000 for the use of his name.

Mr DeFilippo agreed, and promptly recruited his son Paul and one of his employees, Undine Dressler, into the scheme. He even signed up a maintenance man, Charles Clark, who looked after the building in which he had his office.

A few weeks later a company, Chatsworth Enterprises, was formed, with Dominic DeFilippo, Undine Dressler, and a man named Hauser as its officers and directors.

Chatsworth never traded or earned any revenue, but it was the subject of glowing reports in tip sheets such as *The Swiss Analyst*, published by Equity Management Services, of Geneva.

It was claimed that Chatsworth was about to merge with a Bahamas gambling machine company called Lotoquik, and by the time the SEC stopped in Chatsworth shares were being sold to the public at almost $2.50 apiece — 100 times their book value.

When investigators questioned Chatsworth's supposed president, Dominic DeFilippo, he had never heard of the company. His co-director, Miss Dressler, pleaded the Fifth Amendment. And the third member of the board, Jack Hauser, was nowhere to be found.

His supposed boss, Mr DeFilippo, was no help in tracing Mr Hauser for the simple reason that, just as he had never heard of Chatsworth, he had never heard of Mr Hauser either.

Meanwhile, Paul DeFilippo had — without his knowledge — become a director of Vanguard Financial. The post of company president was reserved for the DeFilippo maintenance man, Mr Clark.

According to the Chicago public relations firm hired by Mr Porto, Vanguard planned to take over a British textile company, Tex-Tech, which has premises in Rochdale, Lancashire, and Leeds, West Yorkshire.

When the SEC suspended Vanguard shares they were trading at $3.37, about 100 times the company's book value. They were still being sold recently to people in Britain by companies such as Kettler AG in Switzerland and Timezone in Madrid.

The "ghost" directors rarely carried out any duties, but one illuminating exception involved a company called Monvert, which went on to be offered to the public as the video rental company Transworld Network.

Money traced to a Florida account

A man named Bernard Nathan, who had been persuaded to act as company president, has told SEC investigators he met Mr Porto at a bank in New York to authorize the transfer of the money raised by the public sale of Monvert shares.

That money has been traced to an account in Florida. The sole signatory to the account is Mr Porto — yet officially he is not a director of Monvert and has no connection with the company.

The SEC allegations are bad news for luckless investors left holding shares in Mr Porto's five companies, but his most successful company is probably GSS Venture Capital, sold to British investors by several share dealers in Europe and England.

GSS's sole asset is a 20 per cent stake in the rights to a new food-freshness indicator.

And in a few days' time shareholders in a Bahamas company called Federal Ventures will meet in London to approve plans to sue for the return of this 20 per cent stake.

In an action already begun in a New York court, Federal Ventures claims one of its former officers took the rights with him when he left the company — and it want them back.

All in all, 1988 does not seem to have begun well for Mr Porto and his associates.

Tony Hetherington

FMS chief is charged

John Miles, a director of FMS Financial Management Services Ltd, has appeared at Bow Street magistrates' court in central London, charged with fraudulent trading.

FMS, a firm of share dealers with offices in central London and Nottingham, closed its doors a year ago after a raid by Fraud Squad officers in which a large number of documents were seized.

The company had been advertising low-cost deals for investors wishing to sell shares they had bought in privatization issues. FMS salesmen then offered to arrange for the sale proceeds to be reinvested in shares they tipped.

Mr Miles, who is currently employed by a finance business called Embassy Securities in Marbella, was arrested by Special Branch officers at East Midlands airport and brought to London, where he was charged by Detective Chief Inspector Norman Good, of the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad.

He was remanded on bail on condition that he surrendered his passport.

Further arrests are likely before the case comes to trial.

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Martyrs en route to Heaven

Rumour has it that Lord Young will soon start canonising entrepreneurs as well as giving them grants. Enshrined in last week's White Paper, DTI-The Department of Enterprise, was pious veneration for the people who are able to "make things happen" and this miraculous quality is now to be officially fostered by those apostles of change, management consultants.

Under the new Enterprise Initiative, it will soon be possible, for example, for a small but ambitious firm of solicitors to get three weeks of subsidized consultancy (say, on business planning) from one of the big accountancy firms. After that, it is presumed, the light of enterprise will perpetually shine in their eyes, and they will be admitted into the portals of Paradise where there are "never any problems, but only solutions".

Yet, the road to heaven is not always easy. There are bound to be some casualties, and every new cult needs martyrs as well as saints. So it will come as no surprise to recall that in the very same week the Government was giving encouragement to the enterprising, the Law Society decided to boil them in oil.

The principal victim was Simon Leney, the marketing partner of solicitors, Donne Mileham and Haddock, who, as readers of this newspaper will have noticed, was hauled over the coals a few days ago for sending out mail-shots to existing clients.

Mr Leney, who clearly has a vocation for enterprise, defended his action on the grounds that he was doing no more than most other organizations which provided services to the public, but Charles Maggs, the Head of the Inquisition and Chief Scourge of Enterprise at the Law Society, declared that he was treating the matter "very seriously".

The accountants, of course, now do things quite differently, and my Enterprise Award of the Week must go to Peat Marwick McLintock, who were streets ahead of everybody else in mail-shotting *their* clients about the grants which would be available for Peat's own management consultancy services under the Enterprise Initiative Scheme.

Stealing a march on its more plodding rivals, Peat's had despatched a letter outlining the terms of the consultancy scheme to its audit clients almost before Lord Young had finished speaking. And David Bishop, the management consultancy partner, could also take some pleasure in claiming that Peat's had actually beaten Lord Young to a draw by launching its own "Enterprise Initiative" almost two years ago.



The Government's spirit of free enterprise may have affected solicitors but is not shared by their professional association, which objects to mail-shots, says Edward Fennell

The firm has already provided £250,000 of free advice to small businesses and the evidence so far suggests that, properly targetted, even short-term consultancy can produce benefits.

The DTI's budget, of course, is very much greater than that, but given the bottomless pit of resources which Lord Young is allocating to the initiative, that is not surprising. Although the fees which the DTI will pay are probably going to be less than they would like, all the big firms' accountants and management consultants seem keen to get involved.

And, as a way of selling themselves to new clients, of achieving output in volume of work, and of giving practical consulting experience to some of the younger staff, the Enterprise Initiative offers exceptional scope.

Certainly at Touche Ross, they are taking the Enterprise Initiative "very seriously", but believe that its success will depend on how carefully the terms of reference are drawn up at the start of each project.

According to partner Julian Bagwell, it will be no good if consultants go in and simply spend their 15 days of subsidized services in general investigations, which will leave the client without anything concrete at the end of the day.

Instead, Mr Bagwell favours a concentration on more modest, small-scale exercises, which will deliver something specific which the client will find immediately useful.

John Ormerod at Arthur Andersen felt pretty much the same. Down-to-earth advice wrapped up by a check-list of do's and dont's was what he wanted to see from his consultancy projects. He also considered that the Enterprise Initiative's real objectives should be to raise "the skills base" among small firms, especially at management levels.

The only people in danger of missing out on the expected bonanza of new consultancy work are Ernst and Whinney and Coopers and Lybrand, which have been entrusted by the Government with the job of checking out the suitability of grant applicants.

As gate-keepers for the scheme, however, they are likely to gain great public relations benefits and could well build substantial reputations as experts in "picking the winners". Certainly, Lindsay Allen and his colleagues at Ernst and Whinney are preening themselves at being appointed to this crucial role, and are keen to deliver a fast and comprehensive service.

"Our consultants will be going out as broad-minded businessmen to look at applicants' problems", said Mr Allen. "Too often the smaller firm is able to see the symptoms of its difficulties, but not cut through that to diagnose the cause. If we can do that for them, we shall have given the consultancy process a good start."

Having substantially raised the funding from marketing consultancy under the DTI's previous programmes, Tony McBurnie, the IOM's Director General, is satisfied that the number of firms looking for marketing advice will be very large. He is insistent, however, that the client should have the last word on which consultant they are allocated – there should be no scope for the "Buggin's turn" approach which some management consultants have feared. "After all, the client is paying up to half the fees, and so is entitled to some say in the matter," said Mr McBurnie.

So, for any small-to-medium firm of solicitors thinking of developing a marketing strategy or drawing up a business plan, this is the time to act. But don't get too carried away. Mr Maggs has his Law Society spies everywhere. Before you become a martyr, make sure you don't become a heretic.

Law Report January 23 1988

Proving entitlement to re-enter UK

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Fazor Ali

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment January 15]

When a Commonwealth citizen who had been settled in the United Kingdom for some time was refused leave to re-enter by an immigration officer, it was for that citizen to prove on the balance of probabilities that he was entitled to re-enter under the provisions of paragraph 56 of *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 169 of 1983).

It was not incumbent on an immigration officer to discharge the heavy evidential burden laid down by the House of Lords in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74) of satisfying the court that the requirement of paragraph 56 had not been complied with.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mohammed Fazor Ali from the refusal by Mr Justice Nolan (*The Times* May 1, 1987) of his application for an order of *certiorari* to quash a Heathrow immigration officer's refusal on August 23, 1985 of leave to re-enter the UK.

Paragraph 56 provides: "A Commonwealth citizen who satisfies the immigration officer that he was settled in the United Kingdom at the coming into force of the Act, and that he has been settled here at any time during the two years preceding his return, is to be admitted for settlement. Any other passenger returning to the United Kingdom from overseas (except one who received assistance from public funds towards the cost of leaving this country) is to be admitted for settlement on satisfying the immigration officer that he had indefinite leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom when he left and that he has not been away for longer than two years."

Mr Sakhawat Husain for the applicant; Mr Guy Sankey for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the applicant, who was not a British citizen, had lived in the UK for a number of years, having had a passport issued in 1973 endorsed with indefinite leave to remain here. He went to Bangladesh in 1984 and required leave to enter on returning to this country in August 1985.

On his arrival at Heathrow he claimed admission for settlement under the first limb of paragraph 56. However, he was detained by an immigration officer and after examination was refused leave to enter. The notice of refusal stated that his identity had not been satisfactorily established by the two passports that he had produced.

The administration of control over the admission of foreigners was dealt with by section 4 of the 1971 Act. Section 4(2)(c) *provided that Schedule 2 to the* Act was to have effect in relation to the exercise by immigration officers of their powers.

Paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 2 gave immigration officers wide power to direct the removal of a person arriving in the UK who was refused leave to enter. Paragraph 9 dealt with illegal entrants who were refused leave to enter.

The applicant's prime submission was that he was on the Home Secretary's case being treated as an illegal entrant and accordingly should have been entitled to the protection laid down in *Khawaja* – namely that on an application for judicial review of an order detaining a person as an illegal entrant it was for the executive to prove to the court on the balance of probabilities the facts relied on by the immigration officer as justifying his conclusion that the applicant was an illegal entrant.

However, on arrival at Heathrow in August 1985 the applicant was being dealt with not as an illegal entrant but as one refused leave to enter under paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 2.

In *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sattar* (unreported, December 1, 1987) the Court of Appeal dealt with a similar case and Lord Justice Slade there said "The applicant . . . submitted to us that the order for removal was made by the immigration officer under paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act, and on these grounds submitted that the case fell precisely within *Khawaja principles. However,* having heard the submissions . . . of the respondent, he accepted that this was not a paragraph 9 case but one falling in fact within paragraph 8(1).

"This, in my judgment, makes a crucially important difference. Paragraph 8(1) conferred on an immigration officer a general power to make an order for the removal of a person in cases where 'a person arriving in the United Kingdom is refused leave to enter'. Unlike the power conferred by paragraph 9, the terms of this power do not render it a precedent fact which has to be established that the applicant actually is an illegal entrant.

"It is therefore the refusal of leave to enter itself which the applicant is obliged to challenge in the present case. If that was valid, so was the order for removal."

Those words were applicable to the instant case. This was not a paragraph 9 case: the applicant was dealt with under the provisions relating to the allowing or refusing of leave to enter. Accordingly the *Khawaja* principle had no application to the case.

Mr Justice Nolan's decision that the burden of proof was on the applicant and required the adoption of the *Wednesbury* reasonableness test ([1948] 1 KB 223C was correct.

Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: B. C. Mascarenhas, *Wood Green: Treasury Solicitor.*

Wardship is no way round immigration law

In re F (a Minor)

Before Mr Justice Hollings

[Judgment January 22]

The court could not and should not exercise the wardship jurisdiction to clog the statutory machinery of the Immigration Act 1971 which had laid down a code for the control of immigrants and entrusted its administration to the immigration authorities. The institution of wardship proceedings was an abuse of the process of the court.

Mr Justice Hollings so stated in the Family Division in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship' permission, dismissing an originating summons in wardship relating to a Nigerian boy aged seven.

Mr Charles Howard for the plaintiffs, the foster parents; Mr Robert Jay for the second defendant, the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE HOLLINGS said that the boy had been born in Lagos in 1981 and brought to England by an aunt in 1982. He had entered on her passport as a visitor to stay for six months. The boy had been placed with the plaintiffs.

A Nigerian woman had taken the boy to Nigeria for a holiday in December 1986 and she returned with him on January 21, 1987.

By that time the boy had acquired his own passport. The immigration authorities stated that the child neither qualified as a *returning resident nor as a* student and there was no basis on which he was qualified for leave to enter the United Kingdom under the 1971 Act.

The child had been granted temporary admission and had returned to live with the foster parents.

Under the originating summons the foster parents sought care and control of the boy. The Home Secretary sought to set aside the wardship on the *ground that the proceedings* fettered and conflicted with the jurisdiction and duties conferred on the Home Office under the 1971 Act.

His Lordship had been referred to *In re Mohamed Arif (an Infant)* ([1968] Ch 643). The facts in the present case were different. However, in accordance with the decisions in *Mohamed Arif* the wardship summons would be struck out as an abuse of the process of the court.

Solicitors: Mellows Hillier, Baldock; Treasury Solicitor.

Provision of company car is not an emolument for pension purposes

Mullett and Others v BSC Pension Fund Trustee Ltd and Another

"Emoluments not in monetary form" were of "permanent character" and therefore part of an employee's salary, for the purposes of the trust deed of the British Steel Corporation Pension Fund, only if under his contract of employment his right to receive them would persist until the termination of his employment.

It followed that the use of a company car which, under the terms of its car scheme, the BSC had the absolute right to withdraw without notice at any time was not such an emolument.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stocker) so held on January 20, allowing an appeal by the second and third plaintiffs from an order of Mr Justice Knox of May 23, 1986.

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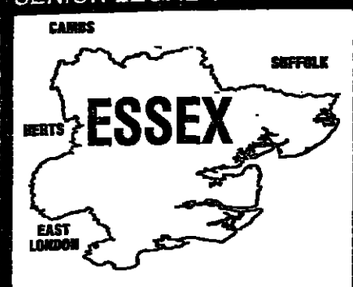
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Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, finds a rare agreement among the world's top players

Fair to everyone on the surface



Open to the elements: yet with a retractable roof the centre court at Flinders Park allows for grand prix tennis in the worst of conditions

The Australian championships, played in the space-age, £30 million new tennis centre at Flinders Park, have already — with two days to go — attracted 216,249 customers, compared with last year's record total of 140,089 at the traditional venue, Kooyong. Gate receipts are expected to reach £840,000, twice the 1987 figure.

The centre's design brilliantly combines the imaginative and the practical. The great Rod Laver summed up the general reaction when he said that, while respecting the Wimbledon set-up and its great history, the Flinders Park complex had to be regarded as "the finest in the world".

The centre court's retractable roof is a futuristic marvel. True, there was a time last week when the organizers were self-indulgent in playing with their new toy, as if they had forgotten that the championships are essentially an outdoor event. Moreover, the floodlighting — which is perfect — was used once too often. There were not enough matches left to justify an eighth floodlit programme.

Floodlit tennis has become a feature of the United States and Australian championships in turn, but will not happen at the other two grand slam events, the Wimbledon and French championships.

Wimbledon is played on grass and dew forbids tennis at night. The French tried floodlit tennis 20 years ago but soon dropped it. "It ruined the fun," according to Philippe Chatrier, president of the French Federation. "Two or three nights out of four it gets chilly in the Bois de Boulogne, and people can't enjoy themselves.

"And I think the game should be colours, trees and, if possible, blue skies. All the big festivals of sport are outdoors."

The revolutionary Rebound Ace court surface at Flinders Park consists of polyurethane and synthetic rubber, and plays much like the familiar "hard" court. The important differences are that Rebound Ace is softer (especially in the heat of the day), gives better traction, and is much easier on the legs.

Many players have suggested that Rebound Ace plays like a compromise between the usual hard court and the Supreme Court indoor surface. I have been assembling their reactions for two weeks and have never known such unanimity of praise for a court surface — and players are not easily satisfied.

The points most often raised are that the courts have a true bounce, are easy to move on, and are fair to everybody — which is to say that, as long as they do their own thing well enough, baseliners and specialists in the service and volley meet on even terms.

A failure here has been the Korean-made Nassau ball. Tennis returns to the Olympic programme in Seoul this year and a prerequisite for the use of the Nassau ball was its acceptance in a grand slam tournament. I understand that Nassau paid the present championships £40,000 to use their ball.

Business is business, and the Australians — rather than Nassau — are to blame for the fact that a grand slam event is using a ball that, if the players are to be believed, has not yet been fully developed.

It seems reasonable to assume that tennis professionals are good judges of tennis balls: and player after player has criticized the Nassau. As examples, take Chris Evert, Ivan Lendl, and Mats Wilander.

"It has taken more time to get used to the balls than to the court," Evert says. "They're different from the balls we use in other tournaments. You have to hit out more — really hit through the ball."

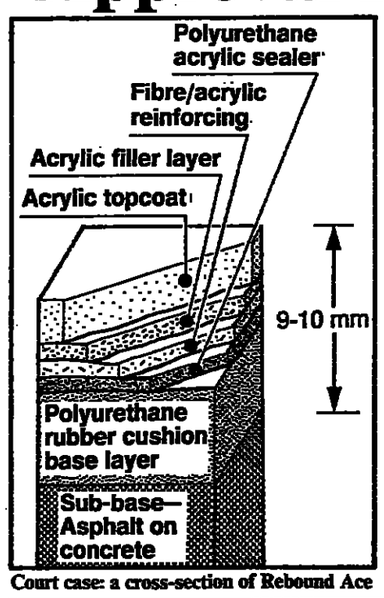
Over to the men. First, Wilander: "If you don't hit the ball hard, nothing happens. It's heavy. It doesn't help Edberg's serve and it doesn't help my spin from the back." And Lendl: "The ball is funny on the racket. You hit it the same way twice, and different things happen."

Even the gentle Stefan Edberg commented: "I don't know if it's up to the standard it should be. There are a lot of better balls." And Jeremy Bates said the balls were "terrible — a disgrace".

Making allowance for the fact that players complain more about balls than about anything else, it is evident that the Nassau balls are not yet satisfactory. Money talks. But did the Australians have to listen? Perhaps they did. We may be swimming in the murky waters of Olympic politics.

Apart from all that, criticizing the first Australian championships to be played at Flinders Park is nit-picking: rather like criticizing Shakespeare.

Approval for new court after a successful trial



Court case: a cross-section of Rebound Ace

When a cross-section of players, ranging from Ivan Lendl and Andrew Castle to Chris Evert, Pat Cash and Marty Davis, all find a piece of tennis technology acceptable, you can be sure someone got something right.

Incorporated in the widespread acclaim for the new National Tennis Centre at Flinders Park is the general satisfaction being expressed over the playing surface — Rebound Ace, a product from Brisbane that has been developed over the past seven years by a quartet of tennis-playing chemists with a special concern for the physical welfare of today's athletes.

Certainly, players' bodies are benefiting from the cushioned surface, but the verdict is not yet in as to exactly which style of player benefits most the surface.

Chris Evert, who likes it, thinks that as she and Steffi Graf have reached the final, base-liners have the edge over the serve-and-volley players. Yet Pat Cash has been playing brilliantly all week and even Stefan Edberg, struggling for top form, has served and volleyed his way into the last four. Frankly, it seems to favour no one: Rebound Ace is the most neutral surface I have seen.

"It rewards excellence and punishes mediocrity no matter what style of player you are," said John Newcombe, whose former doubles partner, Tony Roche, had the Mark I prototype laid at his home in Sydney four years ago and had a lot to do with the ensuing experiments that developed the Mark V, which is now laid at Flinders Park.

It is, of course, incorrect to call Rebound Ace cushioned cement. It is an acrylic surface cushioned by polyurethane rubber. But, as our diagram shows, the component parts are somewhat more complicated than that and are being publicly revealed here for the first time.

"That is where the patent lies," Paul Bull, one of the company's directors, said. "Once we had established that tennis players of all levels wanted a hard-court surface that was not punishing on the body we had to create a method of joining acrylic with rubberized polyurethane which, in layman's terms, is like trying to mix oil and water. It took a fair amount of work, but we are obviously delighted with the way the results have been received."

"There's no doubt it is much easier on the body than a normal cement court," Marty Davis, a member of the ATP board who reached the double semi-finals here, said. "I haven't heard any of our players complaining about the courts, which is sort of unusual."

It is still extremely hot to play on in excessive heat and so far, no one is sure which shoe sole is most suitable.

Although Bull and his colleagues have delved deeply into the physical damage inflicted by unforgiving playing surfaces, there are still dissenting voices to be heard at Flinders Park.

Eugene Scott, who has competed against Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall on the Grand Masters tour with a bad hip, is well qualified to talk on the subject and is not wholly impressed. "On any acrylic surface the only things that can move are the calf muscle, the knee joint and the hip joint. There is no movement at all under the foot as there is on grass, Omniturf or clay. The cushioning is an improvement but it is not the answer," he said.

Nevertheless, the players think anything is an improvement compared with the tortures they go through on Decoturf at Flushing Meadow, and Rebound Ace, which will soon be marketed internationally, is a welcome addition to the tennis courts of the world.

Richard Evans

RUGBY LEAGUE

Depleted Leeds to honour fixture against Hull KR

By Keith Macklin

Wigan, St Helens and Leeds all provide players in multiple numbers for tomorrow's international in France, but while Wigan and Saints have taken the opportunity to rid themselves of League fixtures, Leeds have decided to fulfil their championship game against Hull Kingston Rovers at Craven Park.

Leeds will be without three key players — all outstanding performers in recent weeks — in Garry Schofield, Roy Powell and David Creasser. Lesser squads, and lesser coaches than Maurice Bamford, would have quailed at the thought of going to Humberside without such a gifted trio, but Bamford believes his team must continue to ride the crest of the wave.

"We have some fine players waiting in the wings, and confidence is high at the moment. Anyway, we don't want a glut of fixtures at the end of the season, when trophies can be lost through heavy programmes and injuries," Bamford said.

He has good quality players ready to fit into tomorrow's side. Carl Gibson, who has played for Great Britain, John Fairbank and Mark Brooke-Cowden, the former New Zealand All Blacks forward, all relish the challenge and will give of their best to prove something to Bamford and the Leeds supporters.

The championship leaders, Widnes, will be without Martin Offiah, their 24-try winger, but Kurt Sorenson is now free of suspension and his return should stiffen the Widnes pack for their home game with lowly Salford.

Halifax may find it harder than they imagine to continue their revival at Hunslet. At Elland Road, Hunslet are proving a match for anyone, as Warrington found to their cost.

In the second division, the outstanding game is at Watersheddings, where Oldham and Wakefield Trinity meet in a battle between the two leading promotion contenders.

BOXING

McCrory has eye on Lonsdale belt

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The performance of Glen McCrory was one to savour long after he had beaten Tee Jay, of Paddington, and added the British cruiserweight title to his own Commonwealth crown at the Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea, on Thursday.

The unsure young man from Annfield Plain, Co Durham, who had struggled to lift the Commonwealth title from the ageing Chisanda Mutti, of Zambia, four months ago had grown into a well-rounded boxer-fighter, all thanks to 90 rounds of sparring with Mike Tyson. McCrory helped Tyson in his preparation for his defences against Tyrell Biggs and Larry Holmes.

The Durham boxer had gained so much confidence that even when he damaged his left hand in the fifth round and suffered a cut in the eighth he never lost control of his boxing even under pressure in a bout that was evenly balanced to the end, some believing a draw would have been a fairer result. His left hook and overhand right were a delight. A cracking right in the second round all but dropped the Ghanaian-born British champion.

As McCrory's manager, Doug Bidwell, said: "If you work with the best fighter in the world, something has got to brush off on you. After taking Tyson's shots, Tee Jay did not worry him."

Sensibly McCrory is not going to dash into the ring with Evander Holyfield or any other world champion. He intends to defend his British title in two months' time. "He wants to win a Lonsdale belt for his dad. After that he will challenge Sammy Reeson for the European title. That should be a big payday for us," Bidwell said. The Boxing Board is going to put McCrory's name up to the European Boxing Union.

Reeson, however, has other plans. The Battersea boxer aims to challenge Carlos de Leon for the world title. He said: "I would love to fight McCrory but he is not in my plans at the moment. But after I've won the world title my first defence will be against him."

Johnny Melfah, of Gloucester, by knocking out Carl Penn, of the United States, had the supporters rubbing their hands in anticipation of an explosive meeting with the West Ham middleweight, Nigel Benn.

SKIING

Bell finds form as Swiss battle

From Iain Macleod, Leukerbad, Switzerland

For those of us who follow the daily grind of the *cirque blanc*, the two men's World Cup downhill races to be held here today and tomorrow, having been switched from Wengen, constitute nothing more than another stop on what has recently been a weary trail.

For the Swiss men's team, however, Leukerbad assumes a significance which is borne entirely out of the desperate struggle to go to the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, which begin in three weeks' time.

Nerves are even more frayed than usual. Only Peter Müller and Pirmin Zurbriggen (downhill), and Joel Gaspoz and Hans Pieren (giant slalom) can afford to relax; they are the four certainties for the Swiss team which is to be announced in Berne on Tuesday. Five Swiss are chasing the two remaining downhill places.

The 3,920-metre course will test even the most resolute. "It was hairy," Rob Boyd, of Canada, said. "The bumps are sprinkled all over the place. When you can't see them coming you absorb the shock that much harder."

Parts of the course were very icy, especially the 140-degree S-turn half-way down. Martin Bell, Britain's leading downhill racer, again showed promise when finishing fifth in yesterday's second practice run, which was headed by Armin Assinger, of Austria. "It's so steep you can't even tuck," Bell said.

PRACTICE TIMES: First practice: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 2min 15.25sec; 2, L Stock (Austria), 2:15.58; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:16.90; 4, K Alpiger (Switz), 2:17.08; 5, P Müller (Switz), 2:17.55; 6, M Mair (It), 2:17.60; 7, J-F Rey (Fr), 2:17.83; 8, R Boyd (Can), 2:18.05; 9, D Sbardellotto (It), 2:18.06; 10, A Skaardal (Nor), 2:18.08. Second practice: 1, A Assinger (Austria), 2:19.75; equal 2, Boyd and F Heinzer (Switz), 2:20.00; 4, C Cathomen (Switz), 2:20.39; 5, M Bell (GB), 2:20.48; 6, K Alpiger (Switz), 2:20.52; 7, H Höflehner (Austria), 2:20.61; 8, Müller, 2:20.67; 9, R Huber (Austria), 2:20.85; 10, Stock, 2:21.38.

● BADGASTEIN: The Canadians, Kellie Casey and Laurie Graham, were fastest in training yesterday for today's World Cup downhill at this Austrian resort on a piste shortened because of lack of snow. The United States team, which earlier in the season lost Pam Fletcher, suffered a further setback when Adele Allender fell and broke a leg. High winds ruled out the second practice.

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, K Casey (Can), 1:45.57; 2, L Graham (Can), 1:46.27; 3, M Figini (Switz), 1:46.33; 4, S Eder (Austria), 1:46.42; 5, V Vitzthum (Austria), 1:46.75; 6, C Marie (Fra), 1:46.76; 7, B Oertli (Switz), 1:47.02; 8, K Krone (US), 1:47.27; 9, B Gatner (Switz), 1:47.32; 10, Z Haas (Switz), 1:47.34.

Winter Games attract a record entry

Calgary (AP) — A record 59 countries, including several from tropical climates, will send athletes to the Winter Olympic Games, which begin in Calgary on February 13.

Competitors from such warm-weather countries as Fiji, Jamaica and the Netherlands Antilles are among about 1,750 competitors expected at Calgary. A few other countries wanted to enter, but were ruled out because their competitors did not meet Olympic standards.

For instance, Thailand and Malta had hoped to send figure skaters, but they were told they did not meet the standards of the International Skating Union.

The previous record for participation in a Winter Olympics was 49 countries for the 1984 Games at Sarajevo.

ENTRIES: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, Fiji, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Guam, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, The Netherlands, North Korea, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China (China), Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States, Virgin Islands, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Speed skater 'unwitting drugs carrier'

Oslo (Reuter) — Nikolai Gulyayev, of the Soviet Union, a favourite for a speed skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics, said in an interview published on Friday that he was unsure whether he would compete in Calgary because of allegations over the smuggling of steroids.

But sports sources in Moscow said Gulyayev's plans to take part would not be affected and a Soviet newspaper said he had been an unwitting courier of the steroids.

Police and Norwegian sports officials are investigating allegations that Gulyayev smuggled banned steroids to Stein Krosby, a Norwegian speed skater, in exchange for Western currency. Steroids are not banned in Norway but importing Soviet-made ones is illegal.

The Oslo daily, *Dagbladet*, said it had spoken to Gulyayev in Leningrad by telephone. Asked if he would go to Calgary, he replied: "I don't know." He said he had not been questioned by Soviet sports officials about the alleged deal with Krosby.

In Moscow, the daily *Sovietsky Sport* said Gulyayev had been given a package by the Soviet Union's team doctor at a recent skating event in Innsbruck, Austria, and had sent it to Krosby at the doctor's request

CRICKET: SELECTORS DELAY NAMING TEAM FOR TEST MATCH REHEARSAL

Hick offers timely work-out for the England bowlers

Hamilton (Agencies) — Graeme Hick's presence in the Northern Districts side today will give England's bowlers the perfect work-out for next week's Bicentennial Test match against Australia in Sydney.

That is the view of Gatting, the England captain, who said: "With Hick playing against us, it will certainly give our bowlers a real test. He is a very fine young batsman. But our biggest concern is to get in some more cricket and avoid the rain because two matches is really very little time to prepare for a Test match."

Gatting was pleased with performances in Wellington during the last few days, but tomorrow he must do without DeFreitas, the all-rounder, who has been ruled out with a sore Achilles tendon, although the physiotherapist, Laurie Brown, said he would probably be fit for selection for next Friday's Test match.

England have not yet named the side to play Northern Districts, the last game before they fly to Australia on Tuesday. But indications are that England will field the side they want to face Australia, although Emburey may drop out if the Hamilton pitch does not look like taking spin. That would mean Athey batting at No. 5, in place of Fairbrother, who struggled through 35 overs for his 22 runs at Wellington.

The new ball will definitely be shared by Dilley and Foster, with Jarvis being brought in if Emburey steps down.

Meanwhile, Hick is looking forward to batting against the country he is eligible to play for in 1991. He said: "It's the first time I have played against a touring team and I am especially looking forward to playing against my Worcestershire colleague, Graham Dilley."

Hick, aged 21, who was born in Zimbabwe, is in his first season of competition in New Zealand and is delighting crowds in the same way he has done for Worcestershire.

John Turkington, the Northern Districts' executive director, said: "Since Graeme arrived, support for the team has increased and interest in cricket has definitely risen. We are presently top of the Shell Trophy table — last year we were bottom. He has lifted the whole team."

Hick averages 50.8 in the Shell Trophy. In four matches he has included scores of 113 not out, 90 and 64. But in all forms of cricket he has been even more prolific. He has hit four centuries for Hamilton and in a Northern Districts warm-up match, he savaged a good Auckland side for 220 not out to guide his team to their victory target of 309.

Hick added: "I am really enjoying myself here. There's a slow pace to life and lots of time to relax."

Northern Districts believe they have pulled off quite a coup in securing his services. Turkington said: "Graeme's parents used to live in this area a few years ago and we were quick to sign him up."

Hick said: "They gave me a very good offer and it seemed a better bet than going to Australia or playing back in Zimbabwe again."

ENGLAND (Probable team): B C Broad, M D Moxon, R T Robinson, *M W Gatting, C W J Athey, D J Capel, J E Emburey or P W Jarvis, †B N French, N A Foster, G R Dilley, E E Hemmings.

Australia take an early lead

Melbourne (Agencies) — An unbeaten third-wicket stand of 107 between Dean Jones and Mike Veletta helped Australia cruise to an eight-wicket win over New Zealand in the first of three matches in the World Series Cup final here.

Jones, who made 58 not out, and Veletta, 57 not out, scored the runs off 131 balls as Australia, having bowled out New Zealand for 177 off the penultimate ball of their scheduled 50 overs, passed the target with 5.1 overs to spare.

New Zealand never gained the upper hand during their innings, and struggled against superb Australian fielding.

Dyer, the wicketkeeper, took a brilliant catch to his left to remove Wright; full-length dives by Waugh and Boon saw off Brown and Hadlee; and Border made a remarkable stop and return to run out his opposing captain, Jeff Crowe.

Only Martin Crowe, who was New Zealand's highest scorer, with 48 off 72 balls, looked at ease against Australia's attack.

Australia lost Marsh with 33 on the board, but Boon made a breezy 47 before making way for Jones and Veletta.

The second match will be played at Sydney on Sunday and, if New Zealand win, the deciding game will take place in Melbourne on January 26.

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright c Dyer b Davis	16
A N Jones c Dyer b Dodemaide	4
M D Crowe c Dyer b Dodemaide	48
*J J Crowe run out	33
R J Hadlee c Boon b McDermott	34
†T E Blain run out	1
V R Brown c Waugh b Davis	2
J G Bracewell c Border b Waugh	17
M C Snedden c Taylor b McDermott	15
W Watson c Border b Waugh	1
E J Chatfield not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total (49.5 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-47, 3-91, 4-126, 5-129, 6-132, 7-143, 8-161, 9-169.

BOWLING: Dodemaide 10-2-29-2; McDermott 9 5-0-37-2; Davis 10-1-27-2; Waugh 10-0-47-2; Taylor 10-0-35-0.

AUSTRALIA

D C Boon c Bracewell b Watson	47
G R Marsh b Watson	9
D M Jones not out	58
M R J Veletta not out	57
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 2, w 2)	9
Total (2 wkts; 44.5 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-73.

BOWLING: Chatfield 7.5-2-19-0; Hadlee 9-0-35-0; Snedden 10-3-39-0; Watson 10-3-38-2; Bracewell 8-0-45-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

Soutter stems the Australian tide

By Colin McQuillan

Del Harris, of Essex, and Lucy Soutter, of Gloucestershire, raised England's hopes of a home double in the Blue Stratos British under-23 open championships on Thursday, reaching their respective finals at Lambs Club, London.

Harris, aged 18, defeated Danny Meddings, of Surrey, 9-2, 9-1, 9-2 in 41 minutes, assisted by his opponent's sluggish approach to the ball. Miss Soutter, aged 20, took only 32 minutes to overcome Michelle Martin, one of three Australians in the women's semi-finals, 9-2, 9-4, 9-2. Miss Martin is the younger sister of the adventurous Martin brothers, Rodney and Brett, who have become leading proponents of the new wave of attacking play on the international circuit. She shows much of their ambition but not the same attention to detail.

Bronzed, long-legged and coiffed, she lacks the bite and determination of her compatriots, Liz Irving, the world No. 4, and Sarah Fitzgerald, the world junior champion, who were in opposition in the second semi-final.

Against the patience and resilience of the diminutive Cirencester woman, Miss Martin appeared almost naïve at times, repeatedly striking the tin when seeming to be under no pressure.

Miss Soutter is a deceptive player, however. She hurries and scurries around her invariably taller opponents, reaching their best drives and lifting their neatest drops, often returning pressure with interest. Harris, the senior national champion and here seeking his third junior title of the season, has no problems of application and appears to learn from each appearance.

He had trouble getting started in earlier rounds against Glenn Wilson, of New Zealand, and Robert Owen, of Avon, but set off after Meddings obviously determined to break the pattern.

Constantly increasing the pace of the rallies and taking the ball earlier than Meddings preferred, Harris forced his opponent to play drives from behind his body and to pick up drops with an open racket face.

RESULTS: Women's semi-finals: L Soutter (Glouces) bt M Martin (Aus), 9-2, 9-4, 9-2; L Irving (Aus) bt S Fitzgerald (Aus), 9-5, 9-3, 9-3. Men's semi-finals: D Harris (Essex) bt D Meddings (Surrey), 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; Z Jahan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (Hampshire), 9-3, 5-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-6.

Williams in good form

Blois (Reuter) — The former world champion, Ross Norman, of New Zealand, lost to Geoff Williams, of Britain, in the second round of the Blois International tournament as only two seeds survived to reach the last eight.

Norman, the second seed, who imposed the first defeat on Jahangir Khan in more than five years when he won the world title in Toulouse 14 months ago, was beaten 9-3, 5-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-3 by the former British No. 1.

Norman, who has slipped from second to fourth in the world rankings, had been scheduled to meet reigning world champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, in the final.

Janshers beat Stephen Vocetti, of Australia, 9-0, 9-6, 9-6 while fifth-seeded Brett Martin, of Australia, was the only other seed to qualify for the quarter-finals, beating Phillip Whitlock, of Britain, 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-6.

John Ransome, of Britain, ranked No. 52 in the world, earned an appointment with Jansher after beating Pentti Pekkainen, of Finland, 9-4, 9-7, 4-9, 3-9, 9-6. Ransome, a qualifier, had beaten his seventh-seeded compatriot, Neil Harvey, in the first round.

After the demise of three of the eight seeds in Wednesday's opening round, three more seeds fell by the wayside in the second.

The fourth seed, Phil Kenyon, was beaten 9-5, 9-6, 3-9, 9-3 by a fellow-Briton, Bryan Beeson, while Jan-Ulf Soderberg, of Sweden, dispatched Stuart Hailstone, of Britain, the sixth seed, 9-5, 9-0, 9-3 in 32 minutes.

Willis refuses to withdraw his nomination

Bob Willis, the former England captain, who led an unsuccessful takeover bid at Warwickshire in November, has firmly rejected the suggestion that he should not stand for election to the club's committee at next week's annual general meeting.

Willis has had a private meeting with Bob Evans, the new Warwickshire chairman, who suggested that his former committee colleague should not stand for election. A defiant Willis said: "I have declined to withdraw my nomination."

Last November, the Warwickshire rebels were defeated only on a vote of 507 to 450 at a special general meeting, and Willis obviously feels that he and his colleagues could gain considerable support next week.

Hooper century steers West Indies to victory

Gwalior (AFP) — The West Indies defeated India by 73 runs in their sixth one-day international here yesterday, extending their lead in the seven-match series to 5-1.

The fast bowler, Patterson, took four for 29 in an eight-over spell to dismiss India for 205 in 41 overs.

The captain, Shastri, hit 73 not out and Kapil Dev 52, but India made a disastrous start, losing four wickets with just 15 runs on the board. Hooper's 113 not out had steered the tourists to a 50-over total of 278 for six after Shastri won the toss and chose to field.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes b Sharma	5
P V Simmons lbw b Ayub	21
R B Richardson c Ayub b Shastri	30
†I V A Richards c Sharma b Amarnath	38
A L Logie c Sharma b Ayub	54
C L Hooper not out	113
E A E Baptiste run out	4
W K M Benjamin not out	0
Extras (lb 14, b 2, w 2)	18
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	278

†J Dujon, C Walsh and P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-55, 3-65, 4-103, 5-211, 6-266

BOWLING: Sharma 8-0-42-1; Amarnath 10-0-43-1; Ayub 9-1-38-2; Shastri 9-0-48-1; Hirwani 10-0-34-0; Raman 3-0-23-0; Kapil 3-0-36-0.

INDIA

K Srikanth c Baptiste b Patterson	9
Arun Lal b Patterson	0
M Amarnath c Dujon b Patterson	3
W V Raman c Dujon b Walsh	1
M Azharuddin c Dujon b Benjamin	23
Kapil Dev b Baptiste	52
*R J Shastri not out	73
†K S More run out	10
A Ayub st Dujon b Richards	12
S Sharma c Haynes b Richards	1
N Hirwani b Patterson	2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 3, w 4)	19
Total (41 overs)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-14, 3-15, 4-15, 5-88, 6-94, 7-117, 8-134, 9-152.

BOWLING: Patterson 8-0-29-4; Walsh 6-1-23-1; Benjamin 10-1-34-1; Baptiste 5-0-37-1; Richards 9-0-34-2; Hooper 2-0-27-0; Simmons 1-0-9-0.

Cavvies Clown to steal show again

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Cavvies Clown is napped to confirm that he is one of the most improved horses in training by winning the valuable Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock Park today.

In the past five weeks spectators at Ascot, Newbury and Wincanton have seen this eight-year-old, who is trained by David Elsworth, jump as if he had springs in his heels.

When he won the Mandarin Chase by 30 lengths at Newbury at the beginning of this year, the going was as testing as it has been all season. So the prospect of heavy ground on the Lancashire track this afternoon is not remotely disconcerting.

That performance was taken into account when today's handicap was framed but, *in the meantime*, Cavvies Clown has won again at Wincanton where he proved much too sharp all round for another possible Gold Cup contender, Ten Plus.

Chasing an in-form Cavvies Clown over the *formidable* Haydock fences looks a daunting prospect but, if there is one is capable of catching him, it is surely Forgive'N Forget, who has won five times on the track.

Yet Beau Ranger still proved too quick for him over the course and distance in November and Forgive'N Forget has since taken a very heavy fall at Kempton.

Nohalmdun should be capable of outpacing Sabin Du Loir and Pat's Jester at the end of the Halewood Vintners Hochberg Champion Hurdle Trial now that he will be fitter for that initial run at Kempton after Christmas.

Taberna Lord, who is blessed with stamina in abundance, can win the Norton Telecommunications Premier Hurdle even though he has been steeplechasing this season. The overall conditions of the race give Jim Wilson's versatile *seven-year-old* a good chance of beating Miss Nero and Bluff Cove.

With the weights for Kempton's Fulwell Chase having gone up 15lb overnight, **Pegwell Bay** will never *have a better chance of winning* a race of this type. Following that narrow defeat at the hands of Ten Plus at Wincanton on Boxing Day he should prove hard to beat. The mud-loving Mr Moonraker is my idea of the main danger.

With Barnbrook Again dropping out overnight, the *way now looks clear for the* easy Ascot winner Saffron Lord to follow up in the Bic Razor Novices' Chase.

Intuition, who is my selection for the Bic Razor Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle, ran well to finish second to Jamesmead on the same Ascot card eight days ago considering that it was his first race for 10 weeks. I reckon that he should be up to beating Meningi, Canford Palm and Protection again.

As for the Bic Lady Shaver Handicap Hurdle, this can go to **Cockpit Crew** who would *have probably finished second* to Swingit Gunner at Sandown in December but for falling at the last.

While other journalists on *The Times* will be rooting for Sunday For Monday when the Middlesex Novices' Hurdle comes to the boil, I'm afraid that I will be cheering on an old friend, **Rebel Song**, who *looked ready for this step up* in distance when he finished fourth behind Biloxi Blues over only two miles on Boxing Day.

● The top National Hunt events have been reclassified as championship races (formerly grade one) and feature races (formerly grade two). Today's Haydock card includes three feature races. Listed races are unchanged.

Heavy frost the threat

Although no morning inspections have been planned, overnight frost could put today's three remaining meetings in jeopardy. The fourth scheduled meeting at Warwick was called off, following an inspection yesterday afternoon, because of snow and waterlogging.

The London Weather Centre said last night that temperatures were expected to fall well below freezing in the north and south of England. The only scheduled inspection is at Naas in Ireland (7am). Snow brought about the abandonment of yesterday's Towcester card.



Sabin Du Loir and Graham Bradley, a winning combination at the Cheltenham Festival in 1983, resume their partnership in today's Champion Hurdle trial at Haydock

Rowe and Gifford land four winners

The in-form combination of Josh Gifford and Richard Rowe took Kempton Park by storm yesterday, landing a 1,130-1 four-timer with Johnstons Glory, Vodkatini, Lyphento and Envopak Token.

Lyphento is 16-1 from 33-1 for the Triumph Hurdle after outpacing the much-heralded Wood Chisel by 10 lengths in the Walton Novices' Hurdle. *The pair were stride for stride* two flights out but Lyphento produced an impressive turn of foot to leave the 5-4 favourite in his wake.

Formerly with Guy Harwood, Lyphento was pulled up on his hurdling debut, and Gifford explained: "He got tired that day after making a couple of mistakes. I don't think he was fully fit." Gifford reiterated *those views to the stewards* when they questioned him over the improvement in form. The officials accepted his explanations.

Nicky Henderson was not too disappointed by Wood Chisel, saying: "He is a typical ex-Flat racer. He pulled early on and needs to switch off."

Peter Scudamore gave up his final two rides after being kicked on the head when Bright Intervals fell in the Easter Hero Handicap, won by Vodkatini, but expects to be fit to ride today.

Delius returned from the wilderness in the best possible style with a victory in the second division of the Sudbury Novices' Chase.

Rated Britain's top novice *hurdler in 1983, when trained* by Michael Dickinson, Delius broke down badly when favourite for that year's Waterford Cyrstal Novices' Hurdle.

Apart from a couple of point-to-points last spring, one of which he won, the 10-year-old has been convalescing since but trainer Richard Lee produced him fully primed here to record an easy four-length win over Royal Stag. Delius, who jumped particularly well, will now be aimed at a valuable novice chase at Liverpool.

Grabel faces tough task

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Grabel, one of the outstanding juvenile hurdlers of last season, makes her reappearance after a lay-off of almost nine months in *the Celbridge Handicap Hurdle* at Naas this afternoon, provided the meeting survives a 7am inspection.

Last season Grabel ran her best race when third, beaten two lengths, to Alone Success in the Triumph Hurdle. She wound up with a comfortable victory in the Guinness Champion Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Punchestown.

It may be significant that Tony Mullins rides her today in preference to stable companion Tradehimin, already a course and distance winner this winter. However, she will find it hard to concede 20lb to American Caesar, who ran away with a handicap over a similar journey *at Punchestown in December.*

Carvill's Hill sustained the first defeat of his career at Fairyhouse in early December when, after making a mistake at virtually every flight, he was beaten a couple of lengths by Master Swordsman, later a handicap hurdle winner at Leopardstown.

If Carvill's Hill has learned something from that experience he would look to be in a very different class to his rivals in the Irish Racing Writers' Perpetual Trophy Hurdle.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Taberna Lord.
1.30 Nohalmdun.
2.05 *CAVVIES CLOWN* (nap).
2.35 Meikleour.
3.05 Ballyhane.
3.35 Maelkar.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.05 Cavvies Clown.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 TABERNA LORD.

Going: heavy

1.0 NORTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PREMIER HURDLE (Feature race: £10,578: 3m) (13 runners) BBC 1

1	04102-1	SLUFF COVE 35 (D,F,G,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-12-0	P Dwyer		85
2	13314-P	IBN MAJED 64 (BF,F,G,S) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 8-12-0	J McLaughlin		88
3	2F10-30	CORPORAL CLINGER 6 (C,F,G,S) (Jay Dee Racing Ltd) M Pipe 9-11-11	J Lower		90
5	F2F000	MRS MUCK 8 (D,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-9	M Dwyer		85
6	P33-222	GAYE BRIEF 23 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 11-11-7	D Browne		97
7	031-001	HOORAH HENRY 28 (G,S) (N Payne) J Sayers 8-11-7	R Rowe		91
8	0F-2210	KING'S COLLEGE BOY 8 (C,D,S) (H Thomson) Mrs M Dickinson 10-11-7	G Bradley		86
9	1/204-11	NOTIVATOR 22 (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7	NON-RUNNER		—
11	0112-21	TABERNA LORD 49 (C,G,S) (R Jackson) A J Wilson 7-11-7	L Harvey	●	99
12	024341-	ATRABATES 248 (B,G,S) (Atrabates Cricket Club) O Sherwood 8-11-2	C Cox		89
13	004-014	CARAT STICK 51 (D,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-11-2	—		57
14	490006	MARCELLINA 33 (S) (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 6-11-2	R Crank		51
15	F11422	MISS NERO 35 (D,F,S) (R Yates) R Lee 7-11-2	B Dowling		88

BETTING: 7-2 Taberna Lord, 5-1 Gaye Brief, 6-1 Corporal Clinger, 7-1 Miss Nero, 8-1 King's College Boy, 10-1 Bluff Cove, Ibn Majed, 12-1 Mrs Muck, 14-1 Hoorah Henry, 16-1 Atrabates, 33-1 others.

1987: ADNOCH 8-12-0 J Duggan (2-1 [s-fav) Mrs S Oliver 5 ran

FORM **BLUFF COVE** (10-8) beat **MISS NERO** (10-3) *4l* at Ascot last time (3m 2f, £8990, good to soft, Dec 19, 10 ran) with **MRS MUCK** (11-3) 45½l 6th.

GAYE BRIEF (11-0) best effort for some time at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £2982, good to soft, Dec 31, 5 ran) latest when 4l 2nd to Swingit Gunner (11-0) with **CORPORAL CLINGER** (11-8) 5l 3rd.

HOORAH HENRY (11-10) made all for 8l Wincanton win (2m 6f, £3448, good to soft, Dec 26, 11 ran) from Ghofar (11-8) last time.

KING'S COLLEGE BOY (11-10) showed best at Wetherby in December (3m, £3840, soft, 9 ran) beating Harbour Bazaar (10-1) 6l.

TABERNA LORD, odds-on Nottingham winner last time, proved himself close to top-class with (11-6) 4l 2nd to Aonoch (11-9) at Liverpool last April (2m 5f 110yd, £14960, good, 7 ran) with **IBN MAJED** (11-8) 7½l 4th.

ATRABATES (11-4) best effort last season at Ascot (3m, £4417, good, Feb 11, 8 ran) when 3l 2nd to Model Pupil (11-9).

Selection: TABERNA LORD

1.30 HALEWOOD VINTNERS HOCHBERG CHAMPION HURDLE TRIAL (Feature race: £10,200: 2m) (7 runners) BBC 1

2	0/1110-3	NOHALMDUN 26 (CD,F,G,S) (Ulceby Farms Ltd) M H Easterby 7-12-0	L Wyer	●	99
3	2P/1P-13	SABIN DU LOIR 35 (D,BF,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 9-12-0	G Bradley		95
6	210-111	PAT'S JESTER 42 (D,G,S) (R P Adam Ltd) R Allan 5-11-11	P Niven		94
7	141101-	POSITIVE 288 (V,D,G,S) (Otterdown Associates Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-11	J Lower		89
9	0100/11-	RUSHMOOR 477 (D,F,G) (J Ennis) R E Peacock 10-11-8	M Dwyer		90
10		FAVOURITE GUEST (J Nolan) Miss S Wilson 4-10-10	D Browne		—
11	40	GOOD CAUSE 9 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilson 4-10-10	S Davies		—

BETTING: 13-8 Nohalmdun, 3-1 Sabin Du Loir, 7-2 Pat's Jester, 5-1 Positive, 8-1 Rushmoor, 33-1 Favourite Guest, 50-1 Good Cause.

1987: NOHALMDUN 8-12-0 L Wyer (2-5 fav) M H Easterby 5 ran

NOHALMDUN best judged on (11-3) 12l defeat of Mrs Muck (10-12) in the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton last season (2m, £19128, soft, Dec 27, 7 ran).

SABIN DU LOIR may have failed to stay at Ascot last time (3m 2f, £8290, good to soft, Dec 19 10 ran) when (11-6) 4l 3rd to Bluff Cove (10-8); better judged on (10-11) 12l beating of Sprowston Boy (10-11) over 2m 4f at Ascot (£13696, good to soft, Nov 20, 7 ran).

PAT'S JESTER improved again last time at Cheltenham (2m, £9684, good, Dec 12, 8 ran) when (11-2) beating Aldino (11-4) 2l.

POSITIVE ended last season with (10-8) ¾l win from Ra Nova (11-3) in Scottish Champion Hurdle (2m, hcap, £7049, soft, Apr 10, 6 ran).

RUSHMOOR odds-on favourite when (11-7) beating Ballywest (10-7) 20l in 4-runner Hereford handicap last season (2m, £1663, firm, Oct 3).

Selection: NOHALMDUN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	9	26	34.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	13	46	28.3
M Pipe	8	30	26.7
M H Easterby	7	46	15.2
D Nicholson	3	24	12.5

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Bradley	13	36	36.1
J Lower	4	12	33.3
M Dwyer	14	54	25.9

Only qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 6-8432 TIMEFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hill 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.5 PETER MARSH CHASE (Limited handicap: feature race: £16,880: 3m) (8 runners) BBC 1

1	1410-2F	FORGIVE'N FORGET 28 (CD,G,S) (Kilroe Civil Eng Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-12-0	M Dwyer		93
2	040111	CAVVIES CLOWN 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 8-11-2	G Bradley	●	99
3	3F3F-02	CHARTER PARTY 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 10-10-11	—		91
4	2-03003	WEST TIP 22 (CD,F,G,S) (P Lutt) M Oliver 11-10-8	E Buckley		93
5	F0/11TP-	EARLS BRIG 310 (CD,G,S) (W Hamilton) W Hamilton 13-10-8	P Niven		87
7	23-4301	ALLTEN GLAZED 21 (G,S) (Mrs W Widdall) M Naughton 11-10-7	J D Davies (4)		84
8	18-33121	LUCKY RASCAL 23 (G,S) (J Ingram) J Gifford 9-10-7	Peter Hobbs		82
9	1P/31B-F	CHIEF IRONSIDE 35 (B) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-10-7	R Rowe		86

BETTING: 6-4 Cavvies Clown, 9-4 Forgive'N Forget, 6-1 Charter Party, 12-1 West Tip, 14-1 Chief Ironside, Earls Brig, Lucky Rascal, 16-1 Allten Glazed.

1987: THE THINKER 9-11-10 R Lamb (9-2) W A Stephenson 8 ran

FORGIVE'N FORGET (11-10) 2nd and beaten when fell last in race won by Nupsala (11-10) at Kempton (3m, £31400, good, Dec 26, 9 ran); last at best when (12-0) easily defeating Very Promising (12-0) 6l at Leopardstown (3m, 249850, yielding to soft, Feb 14, 9 ran).

CAVVIES CLOWN completed treble when (12-0) beating Ten Plus (12-0) 6l at Wincanton (2m 5f, £2704, soft, Jan 14, 3 ran). Bold front-runner. Much improved.

CHARTER PARTY (12-4) ¾l 2nd to Sun Rising (11-5) at Kempton (3m, £3158, good, Dec 28, 5 ran).

WEST TIP (11-10) 10l 3rd to Memberson (10-1) at Cheltenham (4m, £4815, good to soft, Jan 1, 7 ran).

ALLTEN GLAZED (11-10) stayed on gamely to beat Proud Con (10-0) 7l at Ayr (2m 4f, £3079, heavy, Jan 2, 4 ran). Yet to prove himself at this distance. Has only 9-10 in long handicap.

LUCKY RASCAL (12-0) beat Smart Tar (11-0) ¾l at Leicester (2m 4f, £4776, soft, Dec 31, 7 ran). Has only 9-9 in long handicap.

Selection: CAVVIES CLOWN

2.35 BLACKBURN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,108: 2m) (4 runners)

2	012203	BALLICH 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Squire) B Preece 7-11-10	Mr R Bevan (7)		92
3	420U01	CLAY HILL 18 (F,S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 9-11-9	R Rowe	●	99
4	13-2022	MESKLEOUR 23 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs A Leggat) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-2	M Dwyer		92
5	403-112	KAMIR 8 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (F Brown) K Morgan 8-10-12	J Osborne (4)		96

BETTING: 2-1 Kamir, 9-4 Clay Hill, 11-4 Meikleour, 4-1 Balluchi.

1987: BADSWORTH BOY 12-11-11 G Bradley (13-8 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 4 ran

3.5 PRESTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,776: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1	10-1121	BALLYHANE 23 (G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 7-12-0	R Rowe	●	99
2	023-142	CITY ENTERTAINER 28 (D,BF,S) (A Haddock) Mrs C Postlethwaite 7-11-10	M Dwyer		97
5	00-F0P	CHELSEA MAN 25 (B Robinson) D Williams 7-11-6	Gee Armytage		—
7	00-FP13	DANCING ADMIRAL 7 (BF,S) (G Nicholls) K Morgan 8-11-6	J Osborne		70
9	0F-04P0	WIPERTAIN 5 (Developmore Ltd Beta Const) T Cunningham 8-11-5	—		—
13	600/400	SILVER LEO 22 (G) (B Wade) J Harris 10-11-5	J A Harris		—
14		LUCKY LOUISE (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 8-11-1	E Buckley		—

BETTING: 10-11 City Entertainer, 5-4 Ballyhane, 16-1 Dancing Admiral, 25-1 Lucky Louise, 33-1 Chelsea Man, 50-1 others.

1987: MASTERPLAN 10-11-10 S Morshead (6-1) Mrs W Sykes 5 ran

3.35 GARSWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,383: 2m) (19 runners)

1	63112	SOONER STILL 11 (D,S) (Mrs M Finigan) J Edwards 11-5	T Morgan		95
3	1230	PANIENKA 14 (D,G) (A Lomas) E H Owen jun 10-8	D J Burchell (4)		97
4		BARITONE (C Dingwall) C Dingwall 10-7	G Bradley		—
7		EMPEROR HOTFOOT (J Wall) C Spares 10-7	J McLaughlin		—
8	00	FAJIR 16 (E Ormerod) Capt J Wilson 10-7	P Dwyer		—
11	0	FOUNTAINCOURT 7 (K Colton) N Tinkler 10-7	J Osborne (4)		—
15		HIGH CHATEAU (M Lilley) J Spearing 10-7	A Webb		—
16	23	JOHNNY SHARP 32 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-7	S Davies (7)	●	99
17	2	LAOCHAIL 7 (A Guy) J Norton 10-7	S Woods (4)		96
18	0000	LIGHTFALL 8 (A Munro Electrical) R Allan 10-7	P Niven		85
19	0	MAELKAR 7 (P Byrne) J J O'Neill 10-7	M Dwyer		96
20	P	MASTER PIPPIN 68 (H Moore) D Moffatt 10-7	—		—
25	00	PONDERED SID 28 (A Penney) I Wardle 10-7	M Williams		—
27	0	REAR GUARD 15 (P Green) M H Easterby 10-7	L Wyer		—
30	0	SWORD BEACH 28 (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 10-7	R Garritty (7)		—
32	000	THE BRAZILIAN 7 (A Proos) E Alston 10-7	R Crank		—
33		WINDMEDE (J Sayers) J Sayers 10-7	R Rowe		—
34	03	CALL FOR TAYLOR 26 (Taylors of Sgham Ltd) H Collingridge 10-2	—		80
37	F	LYN RAE 21 (Mrs P Mullen) A W Jones 10-2	J D Davies (4)		—

BETTING: 7-2 Sooner Still, 4-1 Laochail, 5-1 Johnny Sharp, 6-1 Maelkar, 7-1 Panienka, Fountaincourt, 10-1 Rear Guard, 12-1 Call For Taylor, 14-1 Emperor Hotfoot, Sword Beach, 16-1 others.

1987: PAST GLORIES 10-9 P A Farrell (6-4 fav) W Elsey 7 ran

2.05 CAVVIES CLOWN (nap) 8 (G,S) (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 8-11-2 ..... G Bradley ● 99

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MOON JESTER (10-0) was a staying on when 8½l 3rd to Creesger (10-4) at Warwick (2m, £2457, heavy, Dec 30, 13 ran).

Selection: PIN'S PRIDE

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302	3110-00	PROTECTION 5 (D,G) (H Joel) A Turnell 6-11-10	Steve Knight		93
303	40-0623	WILLIAM CRUMP 22 (D,G,S) (Otterdown Associates) K Bailey 7-11-9	P Croucher		—
304	103-241	YALE 5 (D,S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 6-11-8 (6ex)	E Murphy	●	99
305	1100-42	INTUITION 5 (D,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-11-4	D McKeown		98
307	00F-321	FREDCOTEN 21 (D,G,S) (T Murphy) G Moore 12-11-4	M Hammond		90
310	0-0F341	TIVIAN 21 (G,S) (Lady Matthews) J Matthews 8-11-0	M Perrett		90
311	123/466-	BRUNICO 301 (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-10-12	G McCourt		97
312	0111-F0	CANFORD PALM 8 (G,S) (Mrs M Cobham) F Winter 7-10-11	P Scudamore		98
313	001449	JAZETAS 21 (B,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 5-10-8	D Murphy		98
314	4-00113	MENINGI 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (H Perry) K Bishop 7-10-5	S Earle		98
315	004/0P	ARBITRAGE 21 (CD,S) (D Barr) B Forsey 7-10-0	C Llewellyn		(4) 92

BETTING: 3-1 Meaning, 7-2 Intuition, 9-2 Yale, 11-2 Fredcoten, 8-1 Tivian, 12-1 Jazetas, Canford Palm, 16-1 others.

1987: STRAY SHOT 9-9-10 Miss G Armytage (16-1) G Hubbard 9 ran

FORM **YALE** (11-7) beat Cawarra Lad (10-0) 6l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £2582, soft, Jan 10, 11 ran).

INTUITION (10-11) 1¼l 2nd to Jamesmead (10-7) at Ascot (2m, £3454, heavy, Jan 15, 14 ran), with **MENINGI** (10-0) 3l behind 3rd with **CANFORD PALM** (10-4) in 6th and **PROTECTION** (11-3) out of the first 10.

FREDCOTEN (11-10) beat Sir Crusty (10-5) 3l at Ayr (2m, £3833, heavy, Jan 2, 5 ran).

TIVIAN (11-0) beat Chasing The Dragon (11-7) 5l at Newbury (2m 100yd, £4978, heavy, Jan 2, 7 ran) with **JAZETAS** (11-5) a well beaten 5th and **ARBITRAGE** (10-9) pulled up.

CANFORD PALM (11-7) best judged on 2l defeat of Yeoman Broker (11-7) at Ascot (2m 4f, £3658, good, Apr 15, 20 ran).

JAZETAS (10-11) best recent effort when 10¾l 4th to Jimmy Lorenzo (11-7) here (2m, £3335, good, Dec 26, 16 ran).

Selection: YALE

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Saffron Lord.
1.45 Cockpit Crew.
2.15 Intuition.
2.45 Pegwell Bay.
3.15 Lewesdon Prince.
3.45 Rebel Song.

By Michael Seely

2.15 INTUITION (nap). 2.45 Pegwell Bay.

Going: soft

1.15 BIC RAZOR NOVICES CHASE (£3,184: 2m) (7 runners) C 4

104	01-1241	SAFFRON LORD 8 (D,F,G,S) (J Holmes) J Gifford 6-11-9	E Murphy	●	99
108	8/2P-00P	CANUCK CLOWN 42 (J Bird) A Moore 7-11-3	G Moore		—
110	301-030	CONTACT KELVIN 26 (S) (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 8-11-3	H Davies		—
111	0000	DOWNHILL RUN 22 (F) (Mrs A Gittins) C Holmes 7-11-3	C Mann		—
116	9	WHAT YA CALL 58 (D Hudd) S Christian 7-11-3	R Beggan		—
117	0F-6000	CUDDY DALE 28 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-5	R Supple		—
118	00-00	JOHN O'DEE 65 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-5	A Frick		—

BETTING: 1-4 Saffron Lord, 8-1 Contact Kelvin, 12-1 Canuck Clown, 20-1 Cuddy Dale, 33-1 What Ya Call, 50-1 others.

1987: WOLLOW WILL 8-11-3 P Scudamore (11-4) F Winter 4 ran

FORM **SAFFRON LORD** (11-5) beat Nebbin (11-5) 9l on Ascot chasing debut (2m, £9804, heavy, Jan 15, 6 ran).

CONTACT KELVIN (11-4) 35l 4th to Randolph Place (11-13) at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, £2361, soft, Dec 28, 7 ran).

DOWNHILL RUN (11-3) 31½l 6th to Bendicks (11-3) in a Windsor novice (2m 40yd, £1873, good to soft, Jan 1, 17 ran).

WHAT YA CALL yet to confirm the promise of a (12-0) 8½l 4th to Spring Jinks (12-0) in a Tipperary Flat race (2m 1f, £826, good, Oct 23, 20 ran).

Selection: SAFFRON LORD

1.45 BIC LADY SHAVER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,876: 2m 4f) (14 runners) C 4

201	11320-0	MACROOM 42 (S) (Mrs M Tindall) S Mellor 6-11-10	G Charles-Jones		91
204	32-0404	COOL STRIKE 22 (BF,S) (T Knowles) G Moore 7-11-6	M Hammond		97
206	3021-0F	COCKPIT CREW 49 (S) (R Simmons) O Sherwood 7-11-3	M Richards		93
210	340-F34	LIGHT THE LOT 49 (D,F) (A McSharry) J Jenkins 7-10-11	G McCourt		95
214	00/1-PP0	QUILANTARO 35 (B,G,S) (Mrs P Swiney) C Vernon Miller 7-10-8	B Powell		98
216	1P-2FP0	MILITARY BAND 23 (C,D,G,S) (A Sett) Mrs N Sharpe 10-10-5	H Davies		95
217	1P06	TRUST THE IRISH 28 (S) (A Gardiner-Hall) H O'Neill 7-10-5	R Beggan		94
218	0810-00	BUCKSHEE BOY 23 (S) (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 8-10-5	A Sharpe		94
219	P-33000	FINGEST 5 (B,G,S) (R Ashford) Miss A King 5-10-3	—	●	99
220	31400P	MR CARACTACUS 53 (D,F) (J Mandeville) G Gracey 7-10-0	D Gallagher (4)		97
222	00F0/11-	PIN'S PRIDE 445 (G) (Mrs E Pinto) J Gifford 6-10-0	E Murphy		97
223	062-003	MOON JESTER 24 (S) (J White) J Cosgrave 8-10-0	S Keightley		91
224	30P600-	RHODE ISLAND RED 35 (F,S) (J Bruton) A Moore 5-10-0	G Moore		79
226	F6/P00-0	ZERCON'S SUN 23 (CD,F,G) (Dorothee Viscountess Kelburn) D Laing 9-10-0	R Chapman		—

BETTING: 7-2 Cool Strike, 9-2 Cockpit Crew, 5-1 Macroom, 6-1 Pin's Pride, 8-1 Military Band, 10-1 Trust The Irish, 12-1 Fingest, Buckshee Boy, 14-1 others.

1987: WIDE BOY 5-10-9 E Murphy (5-1) I Balding 14 ran

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314	4-00113	MENINGI 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (H Perry) K Bishop 7-10-5	S Earle		98
315	004/0P	ARBITRAGE 21 (CD,S) (D Barr) B Forsey 7-10-0	C Llewellyn		(4) 92

BETTING: 3-1 Meaning, 7-2 Intuition, 9-2 Yale, 11-2 Fredcoten, 8-1 Tivian, 12-1 Jazetas, Canford Palm, 16-1 others.

1987: STRAY SHOT 9-9-10 Miss G Armytage (16-1) G Hubbard 9 ran

FORM **YALE** (11-7) beat Cawarra Lad (10-0) 6l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £2582, soft, Jan 10, 11 ran).

INTUITION (10-11) 1¼l 2nd to Jamesmead (10-7) at Ascot (2m, £3454, heavy, Jan 15, 14 ran), with **MENINGI** (10-0) 3l behind 3rd with **CANFORD PALM** (10-4) in 6th and **PROTECTION** (11-3) out of the first 10.

FREDCOTEN (11-10) beat Sir Crusty (10-5) 3l at Ayr (2m, £3833, heavy, Jan 2, 5 ran).

TIVIAN (11-0) beat Chasing The Dragon (11-7) 5l at Newbury (2m 100yd, £4978, heavy, Jan 2, 7 ran) with **JAZETAS** (11-5) a well beaten 5th and **ARBITRAGE** (10-9) pulled up.

CANFORD PALM (11-7) best judged on 2l defeat of Yeoman Broker (11-7) at Ascot (2m 4f, £3658, good, Apr 15, 20 ran).

JAZETAS (10-11) best recent effort when 10¾l 4th to Jimmy Lorenzo (11-7) here (2m, £3335, good, Dec 26, 16 ran).

Selection: YALE

2.45 FULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£7,110: 2m 4f) (9 runners) C 4

402	240-F24	TOWNLEY STONE 35 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townley) J Webber 9-11-10	G McCourt	●	99
403	32024-3	MR MOONRAKER 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Blackburn) P Hobbs 11-11-9	B Powell		90
404	2-4F202	GEE-A 26 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-6	R Supple (7)		85
405	101-204	SUMMONS 50 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 9-11-3	E Murphy

FOOTBALL: LEAGUE LEADERS LIVERPOOL AGAINST CHARLTON ATHLETIC COULD PROVE ONCE AGAIN THAT 'IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME'

Banking on a massive effort

By Clive White

Charlton Athletic versus Liverpool — it is the sort of banker away win that even Barclays would be tempted to have a little flutter on. But one man who will not be betting a penny on the champions elect is Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager. He has got 20 to one against on Charlton becoming the first side to beat Liverpool in the League *and* staying in the first division.

A glance at the League table will tell you that both legs of the bet are equally improbable. Charlton and Liverpool have about as much in common as Paul Raymond and a Vicarage Road tea party. Charlton lost more games at the start of the season than this Liverpool side are likely to lose over the next decade.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, though, is not the only one to pay £1 million in the transfer market. So has Lawrence. He spent it on 16 players. Charlton should have about as much chance of beating Liverpool as attracting a 25,000 gate, as they hope to today, every week.

"It's a bit disheartening when you are supposed to be a first division club and you know they get bigger crowds in the fourth division," Lawrence said. Yet in spite of all this some people, probably the same people who thought that Holmes would beat Tyson, are predicting a Charlton victory.

If the Evertons and Manchester Uniteds refuse to concede the title to Liverpool, Lawrence was quite prepared to do it for them this week. "The championship is over, it doesn't matter what anybody says. The interest centres around whether Liverpool can go throughout the season without defeat or whether someone can beat them. Typically, the British people, having seen something built up, now want to see it knocked down," Lawrence said. He is enough of an opportunist to realize that when championships are prematurely won by outstanding teams it is then that they are at their most vulnerable. "I know it's not statistically won, but as good as," he noted.

As someone whose career as a player was confined to Croydon Amateurs and the like, but has risen to do managerial battle — and succeed — against giants like Terry Venables, Lawrence has learnt that nothing in football is impossible. "My team knows that in the 18 months we have been in the first division our results are littered with unlikely results against first class teams. The bigger the occasion, the more we like it," he said. It is worth noting that Charlton are the only side to have scored two goals against Liverpool at Anfield this season.

Lawrence is aware that whoever beats Liverpool — "and somebody must" — will claim a little bit of history. "It'll become a quiz question and Bob Wilson will replay the goal that did it a few dozen times," Lawrence said.

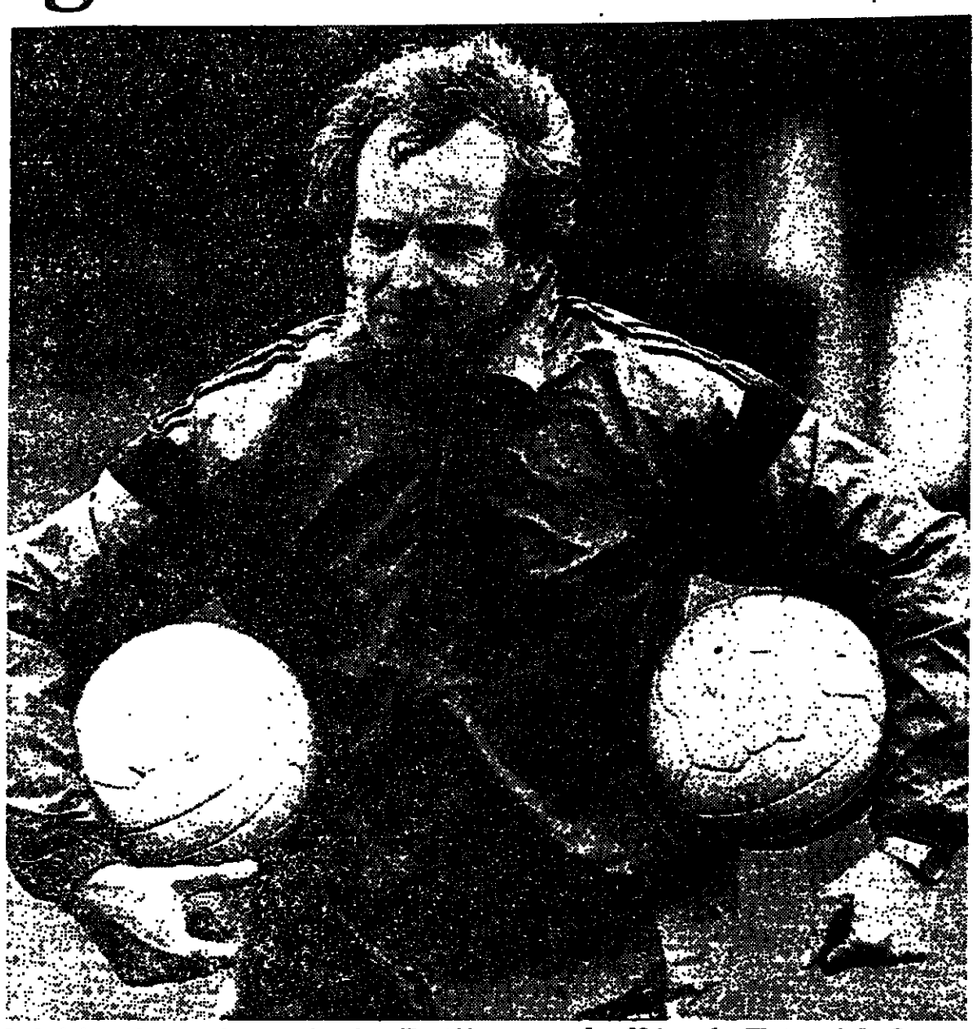
He knows that for it to happen not a few things will have to coincide. everything, including no doubt the position of the stars, will have to be right. "Every one of my players is going to have to play to the best of of his ability and, more important than that, the team, as a whole, will have to make a massive effort. And, on top of all that, Liverpool have got to have at least one or two or their players below par. It's as simple as that," he said.

However much he may dream of winning, in his waking life Lawrence is realist. His honesty is refreshing in a game where managers feel obliged to tell the odd white lie and a few of a more grubby shade. His matter-of-fact tone of voice gradually becomes quite appealing.

He accepts that for apart from six clubs the first division is merely about survival. Initially, he rejected the offer of a new contract recently because he felt that Charlton might need a change of face at the helm. Fortunately he was persuaded to think that his face still fitted. When asked how he expects next season to go should they surive this one, he answered: "Just the same, another battle."

He is heartened by the fact that today's test could not have come at a better time. On results compiled from November 1 to discover who should qualify for the Mercantile Credit festival in April, Charlton lie half-way in the first division. He rated last week's draw away against Nottingham Forest as their best performance since they returned to the first division. The forwards, Jones, his £350,000 gamble from Port Vale, and Lee were outstanding.

Touching the table in his expansive office of Charlton's posh new training quarters in New Eltham, Lawrence said of his Welsh international: "I think we're there with him now. He looked worth twice £350,000 at Forest. He's scored six goals in about the last 13 games which isn't bad going at a club like Charlton. We don't create seven or eight chances every game, you know." And he thinks that Lee, who looked Charlton's most cultured player on their arrival in the first division last season, has recovered after a depressing time with injuries and lack of confidence. "He's never going to be prolific, but he gives the team so much when he's playing well."



In the balance: Lawrence knows a win today will put him on course for a 20-1 pay-day (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Arsenal's lucky star still shines brightly

By Clive White

After their diverse fortunes in midweek comparisons between those rival Scottish managers, George Graham and Alex Ferguson, are inevitable as they meet head on tomorrow in the televised game at Highbury. With equal inevitability, Archie Knox, the Manchester United assistant manager, yesterday leapt to the defence of the "unlucky" Ferguson.

"Alex is at his best in this sort of situation," Knox said of the man he worked with at Aberdeen prior to United. "I've seen him confronted with this sort of crisis before and he'll come out on top in the end. He's special when it comes to fighting back."

The Littlewoods Cup quarter-final defeat at Oxford on Wednesday has given Ferguson and Knox their first idea of the kind of pressures which are exerted on a Manchester United manager and which have proved too much for some of their predecessors. "One defeat is a semi-disaster, two are a complete disaster," Knox observed.

"It was a bitter blow to lose those two games. But we have no divine right to be in the semi-finals or top of the League," he said. "It's now all about grafting," he said with just a little originality.

Whatever the power of Ferguson's lucky star, there is undeniable feeling that Graham's is still shining brightly. There are few people, superstitious or not, who would bet against Arsenal now to defeat Everton and go on to retain the Littlewoods Cup despite the indifference of their recent League form.

Victories over Millwall and Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup and Littlewoods Cup, respectively, have maintained an aura of well being despite the dismal record of one win in the last 10 League games.

"We've been giving easy goals away, something for which Arsenal are not known. The resilience we showed at Hillsborough was a definite improvement.

Just as the absence of O'Leary has been seen to make a crucial difference to the security of Arsenal's defence, so Bruce is beginning to look a key figure in the United rearguard. Cup-tied in midweek, his return should put right the aerial embarrassment United suffered against Oxford.

Not even an FA Cup victory at Derby has helped ease the pressure on John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, who asked that the club's supporters be patient a little longer, at least for the next 90 minutes. He asked yesterday that they voice their views after the game against Portsmouth rather than during it.

He has promised those supporters who made the trip to Swindon to watch Chelsea's surrender in a Simod Cup tie that they will not be disappointed if they turn out again today.

The same could be said of Mirandinah and Waddle. So the crowd at St James' Park should get double value as Newcastle's former idol comes face to face with his successor. "They just love him up there," Waddle said of the Brazilian import. "He's always in demand for things like opening shops which must have helped him settle in quickly." Presumably after opening Marks and Sparks, there should be no problems in store with Fenwick's defence.

Camataru's trophy

Monte Carlo (Reuter) — Rodion Camataru, of Romania, has been awarded the Golden Boot trophy for the most prolific goalscorer in Europe. Camataru scored 44 goals for Dinamo Bucharest last season

THE WEEKEND'S TEAM NEWS

Charlton v Liverpool
Charlton are unchanged. Liverpool, as usual, defer team selection, including the position of goalkeeper, for which Grobbelaar is now available after missing three games with an ankle injury. Lawrenson, who has Achilles trouble, is out, but Venison is back after a calf injury.

Chelsea v Portsmouth
Nevin, who has missed the last five Chelsea games, is in a squad of 15. Baird and Mariner compete for a place alongside Quinn with Hilaire moving back into the Portsmouth midfield.

Derby v QPR
Rangers expect Fereday and Brock to be fit but have added Coney, Channing and Pizzanti to the squad. Sage, who has played only one game for Derby since October because of a groin injury, is included in their squad.

Everton v Wimbledon
Sharp faces a fitness test on his ankle for Everton; Clarke stands by Thorn returns from suspension for Wimbledon in place of Young, and Sayer could be recalled for the first time since mid-September; Fairweather has a broken leg and Wise an ankle injury. Sanchez is also set to return in midfield.

Watford v Nottm Forest
Jackett returns for Watford in place of Tim Sherwood. Crosby, a £15,000 signing from Grantham, is again included in a Forest squad of 14.

Newcastle v Tottenham
Mirandinha returns after a hamstring injury for Newcastle but McCreery is still out with a thigh strain. Tottenham will be unchanged, which means that Clemence, Claesen and Hodge continue their recovery from injury in the reserves' game.

Oxford v Sheffield Wed
Oxford give tests to Foyle and Phillips. Nogan and Mustoe are added to the squad. Hardwick, who was cup-tied for the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final, returns in goal. Proctor and Pearson return for Wednesday.

Southampton v Norwich
Bernstead plays his first League game in goal for Norwich in 14 months because of a knee injury to Gunn, who will be out for a month. Rosano, who replaced Gunn in midweek, also has a knee injury. Forrest, who played last week with a pain-killing injection in his big toe, is again chosen for Southampton. Le Tissier again deputizes for Cockerill.

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Manchester U
O'Leary, recovering from the bruised shoulder he received at Sheffield, expects to be fit for Arsenal. Bruce, who was cup-tied for the game at Oxford in midweek, returns for United but team selection is deferred because of an leg injury received in training by Gibson.

ATHLETICS

Threat of Games ban deters Gasser

Geneva (Reuter) — Sandra Gasser pulled out of an indoor meeting at Magglingen last night after the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) threatened to ban fellow competitors from the Seoul Olympics if she took part, according to her lawyer, Alfred Haldimann.

He said from Berne: "Sandra has decided not to compete . . . it was her personal decision, taken under pressure from the IAAF who threatened the entire Swiss delegation could be banned from the Summer Olympics."

The London-based IAAF banned Gasser, aged 25, for two years after she failed a dope test at last year's world championships in Rome, where she finished third in the women's 1,500 meters. She denied any wrongdoing despite being positively tested for anabolic steroids.

On the ground of restraint of trade, she obtained from the Berne civil court a temporary injunction, instructing the Swiss Athletics Federation (SLV) to ignore the suspension. But on Monday, the IAAF rejected an appeal by Gasser and the SLV and said the Swiss court's ruling had no bearing on its decisions.

Hansjörg Wirz, SLV director, said a telex received from the IAAF left them open to an Olympic ban. "We were told in precise terms that all athletes who took part in a meeting in which a banned person competed were automatically disqualified. They would be ineligible for future competitions," Wirz said.

"We were urged to do everything possible to uphold the regulations and not force the IAAF to take drastic sanctions against the SLV," he said.

Heard is aiming for 800m

Steve Heard, the United Kingdom 400 metres champion, believes his best chance of making Britain's Olympic team is at 800 metres (David Powell writes). The Wolverhampton and Bilston athlete, who won the UK title in Derby last May, is to step up to two laps where he feels the opposition — which will include McKean, Coe and Elliott — will be less formidable than that presented by Redmond, Black, Brown and Bennett.

Heard's transition has prevented him from competing at Cosford this weekend, the first time for five years that he has missed the national indoor championships. He competed over 400 metres in the European indoor championships in Lievin last February then showed some potential for the longer distance when he equalled Ikem Billy's UK indoor 600 metres best in the Dairy Crest Games.

"After starting off so well last year and then going downhill I decided I needed a change," Heard, aged 25, said yesterday. "It's like starting afresh and it has raised my enthusiasm. I would rate my chances of getting to the Olympics at 50-50.

"Five years ago I would have said that the 400 and 800 metres are two different worlds but now the 800 metres has become more and more a sprint."

Foreign violence a threat

By John Goodbody

English clubs should not be readmitted to the European competitions until the European Football Union (UEFA) properly tackles the problems of crowd control, Craig Brewin, chairman of the 3,500-strong Football Supporters Association, said yesterday.

Brewin had a meeting this week with Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, with hooliganism, club membership schemes and the problems of ordinary fans on the agenda. "Not enough has been done to pave the way for the return of English clubs," Brewin said. "Questions like proper segregation with adequate fencing, and the sale of tickets have still not been tackled by many Europeans clubs."

He also feared that English fans would become a target of foreign violence in matches in Europe, including this summer's European Championships. UEFA will make only make its final decision whether English clubs can be readmitted to the European competitions after the tournament in June.

Brewin said that one reason for the improvement in the supporters' behaviour in domestic football since the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985 was better policing.

The Association have also published a survey on the controversial membership scheme after a detailed analysis of the 91 League grounds. Brewin criticized the agreement betwen the League and the Government that 50 per cent of home spectator accommodation should be implemented.

Injuries force Platt to make late selection

Jim Platt, Coleraine's player-manager, will not know his line-up for this afternoon's crucial away North Antrim derby against Ballymena United (George Ace writes). But what he does know is that he will be without his midfield player, John Sloan, ruled out with a knee injury. Paul McGurnaghan and Jeremy Robinson, who are both suspended.

"Apart from those three I have five other senior players suffering from knocks and bruises. It will be a late, late team selection, but I have added Anthony Gilmore, a defender, to the panel," Platt said yesterday.

Ballymena will have Mike Smyth back after missing three matches with a groin injury.

Glentoran, joint league leaders with Coleraine, have good news of their injured players. "I am hopeful Jim Cleary and Kerry Moore will both be fit. They trained last night," Tommy Jackson, Glentoran's manager, said.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League First division
Charlton v Liverpool
Chelsea v Portsmouth
Coventry v Luton ....P
Derby v QPR
Everton v Wimbledon
Newcastle v Tottenham
Oxford v Sheffield Wed
Southampton v Norwich
Watford v Nottingham F

GM Vauxhall Conference
Dagenham v Sutton Utd
Northwich v Weymouth ....P

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division
Bognor v Tooting and Mitcham
Croydon v Basingstoke
Farnborough v Carshalton
Hitchin v Dulwich
Kingstonian v Bromley
Leytonstone-Ilford v Hayes
Void: St Albans v Slough.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Linfield; Ballymena v Coleraine (2.30); Carrick v Portadown; Crusaders v Newry; Distillery v Larne; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Glentoran v Bangor.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Everton (2.0).

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION (2.0): Luton v Swindon; Tottenham v Southampton; West Ham v Portsmouth.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Altrincham v Kettering; Barnet v Bromsgrove; Bath v Stafford; Cheltenham v Corby; Enfield v Bishop's Stortford; Fisher v Slough; Gateshead v Wokingham; Handon v Barrow; Kidderminster v Runcorn; Leyton-Wingate v Boston United; Lincoln v Cambridge City; Manne v Maidstone; Rhyl v Macclesfield; Spennymoor v Harrow (3.15); Wealdstone v Telford; Witton v Yeovil.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Billericay v Worthing; Bracknell v Uxbridge; Chesham v Leatherhead; Hampton v Grays; Southwick v Boreham Wood; Stevenage Borough v Marlow; Walton and Hersham v Staines; Woking v Wembley; Wolverton v Kingsbury. Second division north: Aveley v Vauxhall Motors; Clapton v Ware; Hamngey Borough v Tring; Harlow v Hornchurch; Hemel Hempstead v Letchworth GC; Hertford v Cotter Row; Heybridge v Barton; Rainham v Finchley; Saffron Walden v Berkhamsted; Tilbury v Royston; Wivenhoe v Witham. Second division south: Banstead v Egham; Chertsey v Dorking; Feltham v Chalfont St Peter; Flackwell Heath v Camberley; Horsham v Petersfield; Metropolitan Police v Epsom and Ewell; Newbury v Ruislip Manor; Southall v Maidenhead United; Whyteleafe v Harefield; Yeading v Molesey.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Horwich; Chorley v South Liverpool; Frickley v Workington; Hyde v Goole; Matlock v Moesley; Morecambe v Southport; Oswestry v Gainsborough; Worksop v Caernarfon. First division Cup: First round, second leg (*first leg scores in brackets*): Alfreton (1) v Fleetwood (5); Curzon Ashton (0) v Leek (1); Eastwood Hanley (3) v Congleton (1); Harrogate (1) v Droylsden (2); Irlam (3) v Lancaster (2); Radcliffe (0) v Accrington Stanley (2); Penrith (3) v Eastwood Town (3); Stalybridge (1) v Winsford (1).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v VS Rugby; Ashford v Leicester United; Bedworth v Aylesbury; Corby v Worcester; Dorchester v Dartford; Faraham v Shepshed; Gosport v Burton; Redditch v Chelmsford. Midland division: Atherstone v Dudley; Banbury v Forest Green; Buckingham v Mile Oak; Gloucester v Hednesford; Halesowen v Coventry Sporting; Merthyr Tydfil v Paget Rangers; Rushden v Bilston; Stourbridge v Moor Green; Sutton Coldfield v King's Lynn; Trowbridge v Wellingborough. Southern division: Burnam v Tonbridge; Canterbury v Salisbury; Dover v Bury; Dunstable v Hastings; Erith and Belvedere v Andover; Poole v Chatham; Ruislip v Gravesend and Northfleet; Sheppey v Baldock; Thanet v Folkestone; Waterlooville v Hounslow.

FA VASE: Fourth round replays: Durham v Thackley; Emley v Bridgnorth; Hatfield Main v Farsley (1.30).

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division (2.15): Bridgend v Llanelli; Briton Ferry v Barry; Blaenrhondda v Cwmbran; Caerleon v AFC Cardiff; Haverfordwest v Brecon; Maesteg Park v Port Talbot; Pontllanfraith v Pembroke.

WELSH FA CUP: Fourth round replays: Aberystwyth v Ton Pentre (2.15); Bangor City v Brymbo Steelworks. Postponed: Colwyn Bay v Newtown.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Taunton (2.30); Bideford v Mangotsfield; Clandown v Chippenham; Clevedon v Exmouth; Liskeard v Bristol City; Melksham v Frome; Plymouth Argyle v Bristol Manor Farm; Radstock v Minehead; Saltash v Dawlish; Swanage and Herston v Torrington; Weston-super-Mare v Paulton.

DATEBOROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Newcastle Blue Star; Chester-le-Street v South Bank; Consett v North Shields; Ferryhill v Whitley Bay (2.30); Gretna v Gusborough; Ryhope CA v Blyth; Whitby v Tow Law.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division (2.15): Armthorpe Welfare v Grimethorpe MW; Bridlington Trinity v Harrogate Railway; Brigg v Hallam; Dersby v North Ferriby; Long Eaton v Bridlington Town; Ossett Albion v Guiseley (3.0); Pontefract Collieries v Belper (3.0).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Rossendale (2.30); Bootle v Salford (2.30); Clitheroe v Formby (2.30); Colne Dynamoes v Kirkby; Colwyn Bay v Glossop (2.30); Darwen v Burscough; Leyland Motors v Ellesmere Port and Neston (3.15); St Helens v Skelmersdale (2.30); Warrington v Prescot Cables (2.30). **SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0):** First division: Arsenal v Norwich; Charlton v Queen's Park Rangers; Chelsea v Leyton Orient; Portsmouth v Ipswich; Southend v Gillingham; Tottenham v Cambridge; Watford v Millwall; West Ham v Fulham. Second division: Bristol City v Luton; Bristol Rovers v Tottenham; Crystal Palace v Northampton; Colchester v Brighton; Oxford v Brentford; Reading v Bournemouth; Wimbledon v Southampton.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.00): Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Salopians; Old Etonians v Old Chigwellians; Old Malvernians v Old Brentwoods; Old Reptonians v Old Cholmeleians. First division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Westminsters; Citizens v Old Ardinians; Old Wykehamists v Old Harrovians.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round replays: Lancing Old Boys v Old Aldenhamians (2.0).

BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Longford v Potton.

GUINNESS DURHAM CUP: Third round: Bishop Auckland v Esh Winning; Crook v Shildon; Easington v Brandon; Spennymoor v Hebburn Reyrolles.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Peacehaven and Telscombe v Brighton (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE
SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE (2.30): Dudley Hill v Heworth. *League Cup:* Quarter-final replay: Pilkington v Leigh Miners. Semi-final: Milford v West Hull.

BASKETBALL
CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Birmingham v Sunderland; Bolton and Bury v Bracknell; Calderdale v Derby; Crystal Palace v Manchester United (at Swiss Cottage); Hemel and Watford v Livingston; Kingston v Leicester; Oldham v Portsmouth.

Second division
Barnsley v Bournemouth
Birmingham v Millwall ....P
Huddersfield v Oldham
Hull v Swindon
Ipswich v Blackburn ....P
Leicester v Stoke
Manchester C v A Villa
Middlesbrough v C Palace
Reading v Shrewsbury
Sheffield Utd v Plymouth
WBA v Leeds ....P

Third division
Aldershot v Notts Co (3.15)
Blackpool v Doncaster
Bristol C v Walsall
Chesterfield v Brentford
Fulham v Chester ....P
Gillingham v Wigan
Grimsby v Bury
Mansfield v Sunderland ....P
Rotherham v Brighton ....P
York v Bristol R

Fourth division
Bolton v Scunthorpe
Carlisle v Exeter
Colchester v Hereford ....P
Darlington v Cardiff
Leyton Orient v Stockport
Newport v Scarborough
Rochdale v Torquay ....P
Swansea v Halifax
Wolverhampton v Peterborough ....P
Wrexham v Burnley

NATIONAL LEAGUE (men) (8.0): Ellesmere Port v Plymouth; Stevenage v Gateshead (8.30); Worthing v Brixton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women (6.0): Kingston v Crystal Palace; Stockport v Sheffield.

BOWLS
COUNTY INDOOR MATCHES: Nottinghamshire v Oxfordshire (at Nottingham); Suffolk v Hertfordshire (at Risbygate); Sussex v Hampshire (at Arun); Wiltshire v Gloucestershire (at Swindon).

HANDBALL
BRITISH CUP (men): First round: Ashford Tanners v Liverpool (3.0).
BRITISH LEAGUE (men): Strathclyde University v Manchester United SSS (3.30).
BRITISH LEAGUE: (women): Arcton v Halewood Town (6.0).

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Blackheath v Slough; Bromley v Wimbledon; London University v Hounslow; Mid-Surrey v Richmond; Oxford University v Beckenham; Purley v Guildford; Southgate v Hampstead; Surbiton v Reading; Teddington v Dulwich; Weybridge Hawks v Spencer. Cancelled: Cambridge University v Tulse Hill.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Trojans; Canterbury v Gore Court; Old Tauntonians v Tunbridge Wells; Winchester v Bognor. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes v Old Edwardians; Basingstoke v Goon; Chichester v Bournemouth and WH; Fleet v Epsom; Metropolitan Police v Woking; Old Mid-Whiteghams v Camberley; Southampton University v Nat West Bank; US Portsmouth v Merton. Kent/Sussex: Maidstone v Mid-Sussex; Marden Russets v Folkestone; Middleton v Tonbridge; Old Bordenians v Thames Polytechnic; Old Williamsonians v Old Beccehamians; Rochester and Gillingham v Lloyds Bank; Sevenoaks v Herne Bay; Worthing v Gravesend. Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Aylesbury v Lyons; Bracknell v Old Merchant Taylors; Gerrards Cross v Harrow Town Swans; Hayes v Hendon; Marlow v Reading University; NPL v City of Oxford; Sunbury v Witney; Tilehurst v British Airways.

CLUB MATCHES (men): Midlands: Belper v Birmingham University; Birmingham Municipal v Barford Tigers; Cannock v Stourport; Chorlton v North Stafford; Coalville v Leicester; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Harborne; Edgbaston v Aldridge; Evesham v Warwick; Finchfield v Hampton; GEC Stafford v Robirch; Hathersage v Rolls Royce; Kettering v GEC Rugby; Kings Heath v Stone; Kingswinford v Cheddlesley Corbett; Lichfield v GEC Coventry; Ludlow v Penshore; Michelin v Whitchurch; Newark v Stanion; Nottingham University v John Player; Nuneaton v Northampton Saints; Olds Union v North Nottinghamshire; South Nottingham v Sutton Coldfield; Stafford v Derby; Streetly v Ashby; Walsall v Old Wulfrunians; West Bromwich v Bromsgrove; Westleigh v West Bridgford.

TOURNAMENT: Lada indoor championships (at Alexandra Palace).

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division
Dundee v St Mirren
Dunfermline v Celtic
Hearts v Dundee Utd
Morton v Hibernian
Motherwell v Aberdeen
Rangers v Falkirk

First division
Clyde v E Fife
Dumbarton v Kilmarnock
Forfar v Clydebank
Meadowbank v Partick
Queen of Sth v Airdrie
Raith v Hamilton

Second division
Albion v Brechin
Alloa v St Johnstone
Ayr v Stenhousemuir
Berwick v Stirling
E Stirling v Arbroath
Montrose v Stranraer
Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee Tigers v Whitley Warriors (5.30); Fife Flyers v Ayr Bruins (7.15); Nottingham Panthers v Murrayfield Racers (1.0); Solihull Barons v Durham Wasps (6.30).

LACROSSE
BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Mellor; Old Waconians v Rochdale; Sheffield University v Old Hulmeians; Stockport v Heaton Mersey.
BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bath v Hillcroft; Chipstead v Oxford University; Hampstead v London University; Purley v Kenton.
WOMEN: Postponed: All-England territorial championships (at Letchworth).

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Capital City v Dragonara Leeds (7.30); Liverpool City v Speedwell Rucanor (2.30); Radio Trent Rockets v Atlas Wessex (6.0); Staffordshire Moorlands v Redwood Lodge (7.30); Time Out Spark v Polonia (6.0); WH White Poole v Malory CLC (5.45). First division women: Istari Malory v Sale (3.30).

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division men: East Kilbride v Team A Plant DV; Kinleith Plant v Bellehill Cardinals; MIM Livingston v Glasgow Gregg; Team Fife v Team Scottish Farm; Team Krystal Klear v Dundee Kirkton. First division women: Carluke Briannock v Glasgow Bannerman; Inverclyde v Team Scottish Farm; Larbert v Kyle; Provincial Insurance v Strathkelvin.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Pearl Assurance national indoor championships (at Cosford); North of the Thames cross-country championships (at Hillingdon); South of the Thames cross-country championships (at West Wickham).

BADMINTON: Finlandia Cup (at Cardiff); East Scotland open (at Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh); Hampshire championships (at Portsmouth); Suffolk tournament (at Ipswich).

BILLIARDS: UK Professional championships (at Middlesbrough).

LAWN TENNIS: Great Britain juniors v Netherlands (at Coventry).

SQUASH RACKETS: Breck Fylde Women's open (at Blackpool); Edinburgh Women's open (at Edinburgh Sports Club); Kent open (at Maidstone).

TABLE TENNIS: Leeds English open (at Brighton Conference Centre).

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP Third round
Aspatria v Wasps (2.30)
Bedford v Bristol
Coventry v Tynedale ....P
Gloucester v Orrell
Gordon League v Headingley (2.30)
Harlequins v Maidenhead (2.15)
Lichfield v Bath (2.30) ....P
London Irish v Sale (2.30)
London Welsh v Berry Hill (2.30)
Plymouth v Northampton (2.45)
Richmond v Lpool St Helens (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Leicester (2.30)
Ruislip v Gosforth (2.30)
Saracens v Blackheath (2.30)
Wakefield v Moseley (2.0)
Waterloo v Nottingham (2.15)

SCWEPPES WELSH CUP Fifth round
Llanelli v Ebbw Vale
Maesteg v Bridgend
Neath v Pencoed
Newport v Cardiff
Pontypool v Swansea
Pontypridd v Aberavon
S Wales Police v Newbridge (2.30)
Tredegar v Llanharan

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Glamorgan W
Birkenhead Pk v Sheffield (2.30)
Birmingham v Streatham-C (2.30)
Cambridge Univ v Guy's Hospital
Durham v Halifax (2.15)
Fylde v Harrogate (2.30)
Middlsbrough v Vale of Lune (2.15)
Nuneaton v Oxford Univ (2.30)
Otley v Broughton Park (2.15)
Penarth v Clifton
Rugby v Loughborough Stdts (2.15)
W Hartlepool v New Brighton (2.15)

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE First division (2.45)
Ayr v Kelso
Boroughmuir v Edinburgh Acads
Glasgow Acads v W of Scotland
Hawick v Selkirk
Kilmarnock v Heriot's FP
Musselburgh v Watsonians
Stewart's Mel FP v Melrose
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipement Southern Merit Table: Guildford and Godalming v Basingstoke; Henley v Salisbury. British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: Old Paulines v Old Alleynians; Old Millhillians v Old Blues. Foster Beard Middlesex Merit Table: Centaurs v Mill Hill; Ealing v Harrow; Sudbury Court v Twickenham; Lensbury v Barclays Bank. Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Havant v Sutton and Epsom; Maidstone v Woodford. Club matches: Alton v REME; Ashford v Sheppey; Beckenians v Old Verulamians; Banbury v Old Northamptonians; Bank of England v Lloyds Bank; Biggleswade v Hitchin; Brighton v Tunbridge Wells; Bury St Edmunds v Bishop's Stortford; Canterbury v Thanet; Chiltern v Oxford Old Boys; Chipstead v Hove; Civil Service v Old Dunstonians; Colchester v Chelmsford; Cranleigh v Portsmouth; Cuffley v Datchworth; Dartfordians v Old Brocklehians; East Grinstead v Worthing; Eastleigh v Chichester; Folkestone v Medway; Fullerians v Bracknell; Gillingham Anchorians v Sevenoaks; Grasshoppers v Redingensians; Harlow v Cheshunt; Harpenden v Amphill; Havant v Sutton and Epsom; Haywards Heath v Vigo; Hertford v Welwyn; Horsham v Warlingham; Ipswich YMCA v Holt; Isle of Wight v Rushmoor; KCS Old Boys v Old Walcountians; Leighton Buzzard v Chelmsford; Letchworth v Hemel Hempstead; Lewes v Purley; London Irish XV v London French; Maidenhead v Camberley; Mitcham v Old Surbitonians; Moderns v Matlock; Nat West Bank v Beckenham; North Walsham ii v Saffron Walden; Norwich v West Norfolk.
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RUGBY UNION: JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP GAMES FALL FOUL OF THE WEATHER

National selectors will view cup-ties with a critical eye

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is a moot point whose selectors will derive more *information from today's cup* matches in England and Wales: the Welsh have shown their hand by leaving two vacancies in their squad. England, with an encouraging but far from perfect game against France under their belts, must look with a critical eye at how their XV can be improved.

To that end the England management will have representatives at the John Player Special Cup third-round ties at **Aspatria, Gloucester, Waterloo, Rosslyn Park** and **Wakefield**, making use of divisional coaches and chairmen of selectors and crossing their fingers that the weather does not swamp more games. Two, at **Coventry** and **Lichfield**, fell victims to the snow yesterday.

Unlike the Schweppes Welsh Cup, however, there remains a healthy crop of minnows afloat in the John Player whose hopes of progress to Monday's fourth-round draw may be enhanced by the soft grounds upon which most of them will be playing. In an intriguing draw those clubs who have not drawn so-called junior opposition will certainly find themselves involved in a series of close encounters.

I would not, for instance, be prepared to wager a huge amount upon the winner of **London Irish v Sale**, of **Saracens v Blackheath**, of **Waterloo v Nottingham**. Indeed Saracens have been at pains to keep the identity of their team a secret because Alex Keay, their captain for four years, is now coaching Blackheath, whom they meet at Southgate.

However, John Buckton, the Yorkshire centre, will not be appearing in Saracens' midfield. Buckton was picked with Halliday of Bath in the senior side for England's trial three weeks ago, but both men withdrew with damaged hamstrings: Halliday's has mended, but the cup holders have no game today, Buckton's has not. He has been training (he plans to run in this year's London Marathon) but twisting and turning remains painful and he hopes to resume next weekend.

There has been much talk of differing standards within the three national divisions in England. Today is the day when the gaps – or lack of them – will be exposed. **Leicester**, leaders of the first division, travel to *Roehampton to meet* **Rosslyn Park**, leaders of the second in a match which Park's sustained success this season convinces them they can win.

There was little enough in it at the same stage last season – three points in Leicester's favour – and both teams have made significant improvements since then. Leicester have opted for Youngs at scrum half, as being the better option on a muddy ground, and he will oppose Luddington, who has formed a useful partnership with Jermyn. Park may note that Hare, Leicester's full back, has a scoring sequence going back for 139 games to December, 1983.

Leicester's cup experience, on and off the field, will make them favourites but the same may not be true of Moseley, who play **Wakefield**. This tie brings together teams from the first and the third divisions, but since Christmas Moseley have been in poor shape and Wakefield have won plaudits wherever they have gone.

Given a half-decent playing surface the likes of Harrison, Adamson and Barley will test the Moseley defence; after all Wakefield have already drawn this month with Waterloo and further first-division opposition holds no fears for them. **Waterloo**, themselves, have enough on their plate with the visit of **Nottingham** to Blundellsands.

In October they won the league match by one point, but Nottingham have made some interesting changes since then: Oti comes in for his first game, Byrom moves from full back to the right wing and Hodgkinson moves from stand-off half to full back, where he has been playing his representative rugby, in anticipation of a bombardment from Aitchison.

It was Hodgkinson's phlegmatic approach under heavy pressure and powerful line-kicking which kept Nottingham in the game three months ago, so much rests on young Gareth Jenkins's shoulders. Waterloo, five of whose tries against Headingley last week were scored by the backs, have been saddened by the death this week of former player, fixture secretary and president, Roy Eaton.

What of the smaller clubs? Any of the Gloucestershire sides will create problems, thus **Berry Hill** will take some subjection by **London Welsh** and **Gordon League** may do even better on their own ground against **Headingley**. Berry Hill have already ensured promotion from south-west division two and have contributed notably to the Gloucestershire side which has reached the semi-finals of the county championship.

● The cup regulations this year allow for extra time to be played in all rounds, in the event of a draw, as opposed to the semi-final and final. Only after extra time has been played does the countback of tries, or goals from tries, come into operation.

● The final of the Army's Major Units Cup will be played at Aldershot next Thursday when the 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, holders of the UK Cup for the last two seasons, play the Army Air Corps Centre. The winner will meet their BAOR counterpart for the Army Challenge Cup.

Coventry's new date

Coventry, who called off today's cup match against Tynedale after five inches of snow fell on their Coundon Road pitch on Thursday night, will play instead on January 30, when they were scheduled to meet Cheltenham.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Aspatria v Wasps
Rigby, injured during the divisional championship, returns to Wasps' back row alongside Pegler against full-strength Aspatria, who scored 56 points against Percy Park last week.

Bedford v Bristol
Bedford have Orwin and Davidson at lock and play Cunningham, a New Zealander, at full back. Bristol welcome back their England players, of whom Harding makes his 350th club appearance, as does Pomphrey.

Gloucester v Orrell
Gloucester make only one change from the side that beat Wasps last week, Dunn returning at hooker. Orrell have Williams at stand-off half with Ainscough moving to centre.

Gordon League v Headingley
Gordon League have Russell, ex-Gloucester, at stand-off half and O'Donoghue, recently back from Australia, at centre. Headingley are reinforced by Swales, Howarth and Worrall in the backs, and Winterbottom in the pack.

Waterloo v Nottingham
Waterloo will miss Connor, their experienced No. 8. Taylor plays instead, while Cotter, on the wing, will have to mark Oti. Nottingham play the Jenkins brothers at half-back and hope Gray (lock) will be fit.

London Irish v Sale
The Irish have Gibson and MacNeill back from international duty and Newberry retains his place at prop. Sale have Howe at lock and Bentley, the England B wing, at centre.

London Welsh v Berry Hill
The Welsh have Light (hooker) and Russell (No. 8) back in their pack but have lost Pill (wing) because of influenza. Simon Jones replaces him, while Berry Hill hope Smith, their No. 8, can maintain his habit of try trebles.

Plymouth Albion v Northampton
Plymouth have Hocking (prop) and Waldin (wing) fit once more against Northampton, who call up Gray (full back) and Whigham (centre), both students in the north. Pearce and Dyte join the pack.

Richmond v Liverpl St H
Richmond, without the injured Smith, play Breddy at stand-off and Attfield at lock. Liverpool give Edwards his first game at prop and have Bate at No. 8 for the injured Ingram.

Rosslyn Park v Leicester
Park call up Tayler in their back row and prefer McGauley in the front row. Leicester's internationals return and Foulkes-Arnold replaces the injured Smith at lock.

Ruislip v Gosforth
Ruislip, beaten only three times this season, are led by Barnes in the absence of the injured Warren and Nicolau. Gosforth have White, the former England prop, and Whisker (full back) available.

Saracens v Blackheath
Saracens draw a veil over their team because the opposition is coached by Keay, their former captain. Blackheath, who include two former Saracens in their front row, are unchanged from the team that beat Northampton last week.

Wakefield v Moseley
For the first time in months Wakefield field their strongest side, including Harrison, England's captain. Moseley have Pearce at stand-off and Denhardt at lock.

Harlequins v Maidenhead
Harlequins play Langhorn at No. 8 after the withdrawal of Skinner, the England flanker, with a bruised arm. Maidenhead, missing McNicol and Comerford from their pack, look to Elward, the former London Welsh full back, for his goal-kicking.

Playing for keeps in fifth round of cup

By Gerald Davies

The Schweppes Welsh Cup, which reaches the fifth-round stage today, has an added meaning, for certain players, beyond that which the loyal club supporters clearly have. The Welsh squad that was named on Thursday evening has two empty places, at lock and hooker, and with the national team to be announced on Monday night, it gives a sudden urgency to the performances of *the squad members on view.*

Swansea travel to **Pontypool**, where they lost 25-21 in the autumn. It is assumed that the Welsh selectors have delayed their judgement at lock in order to see how Moriarty plays. Or maybe they are waiting to gauge the performance of Russell, who plays in his first game since returning from Kenya, for **London Welsh** against **Berry Hill** in the John Player Cup.

Pontypool, who have only lost once this season, start as favourites, although their success in the competition does not always reflect their consistency elsewhere. The contest between Jones, at scrum half, who is in the Welsh squad, and Bishop, who is not, will be as fascinating as the game itself.

Cardiff visit their neighbours, **Newport**, with both clubs desperately attempting to recover some cohesion in their play. Cardiff have won 13 of their matches this season while their rivals have managed only five wins out of 25 matches. Newport it was, though, who won the last time they met in October and with only 14 men on the field after their prop, Williams, was sent off. The form of Norster, the Cardiff captain, making his third appearance after injury, will be a crucial factor.

Bridgend travel to **Maesteg** with both clubs having already met six times in the competition but with the latter yet to register a victory. This is only the second time they have been drawn to play on their own ground.

Devereux, playing only his second game for Brigend this season, will partner Hall, back in residence in Cambridge University, for the first time as centres for the club.

The other gap in the national squad will be determined in the match at Stradey Park. There Watkins, of **Ebbw Vale**, who played at hooker in the Welsh trial, will be opposed to David Fox, of **Llanelli**. More interesting, perhaps, can May settle the issue and play well enough to win his place at lock for Wales?

Only two of the smaller clubs still remain. If there is little doubt that **Neath**, on their own ground, will overcome **Pencoed**, there is nowhere near the same certainty about **Llanharan**, who have a good reputation in the competition, as they travel to **Tredegar**.

Pencoed in mood to celebrate

By Peter Bills

Pencoed Rugby Club, 99 years old this season, is in the mood for celebration. Already the junior Welsh club has reached the last 16 of the Welsh Cup, its best achievement in the competition.

It would be unwise to risk the mortgage on their advancing further. Barring the path to the quarter-finals are Neath, the champions of Wales last winter. But as Steve Davies, the Pencoed captain, says: "Even with three of our players in the police force they would have a job closing our bar at midnight on Saturday if we won at The Gnoll."

There is a certain difference between rugby Neath-style and that illustrated by clubs such as Pencoed. Training at the junior club this week had to be switched from Thursday to Wednesday night – two of the policemen were on night shift and the booker and coach had to work late at their factory.

Davies, a servant of the club for more than 13 years, concedes: "Our chief claim to fame is that the M4 is just down the road from our village. It used to stop here once until they built the last section. This rugby match has caught the imagination of the whole village. Thirty people and two dogs is our usual crowd on a Saturday afternoon but we expect to take 350 supporters down to Neath."

Pencoed beat Talywain, Abergavenny, Tonyrefail and Carmarthen, three of the ties being away from home, to get this far. "There was always this carrot dangling in front of us, the hope of a big draw against one of the top clubs," Davies said.

"You cannot get much tougher than Neath. But I hope we don't freeze on the big occasion. Two years ago we lost 24-3 at Cardiff and last season 10-9 to South Wales Police at our place. We should have beaten the Police, but gave them too much respect at the start and they took a 6-0 lead which proved fatal."

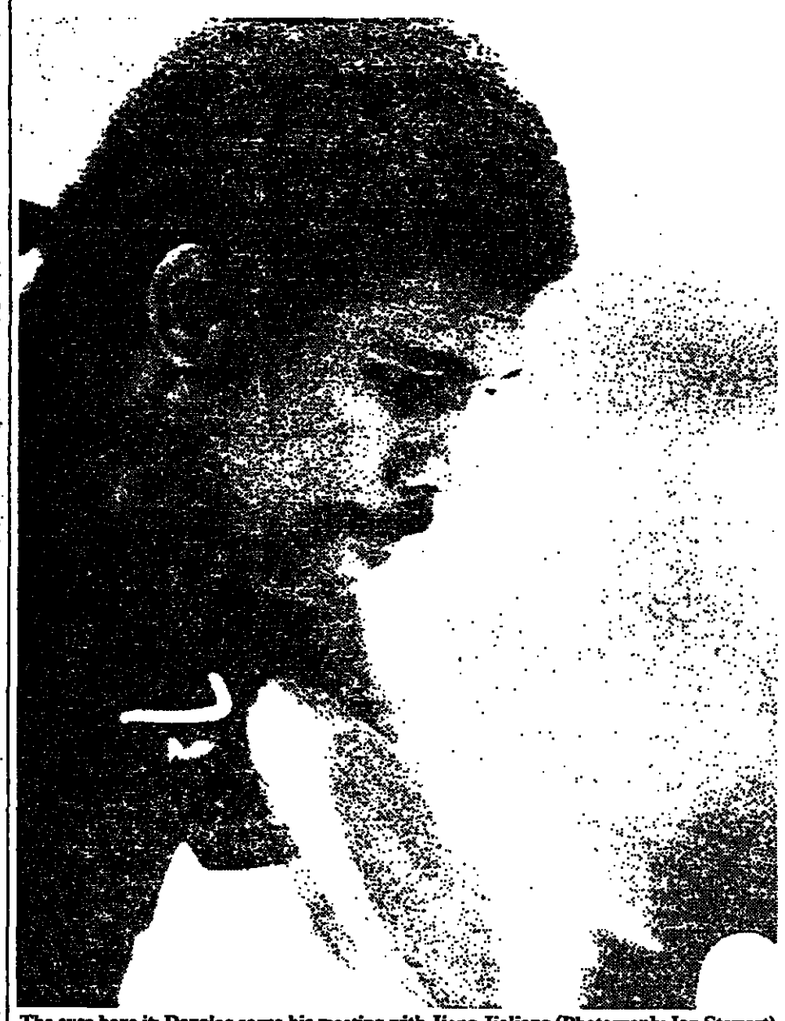
Pencoed include brothers Gareth (prop) and Geraint Hiscocks (lock). The centre, Julian Fear, was once with Neath and their scrum half, Anthony Jury, played for Abertillery.

Davies admits: "At 5ft 9in I must be the shortest No. 8 in Wales. We shall have to take a couple of step ladders onto the field to deny Neath lineout ball. We will come off the field with stiff necks at the end.

"Realistically I want us to know we gave Neath a good game. As long as we give them a run for their money I will be quite happy."

Pencoed have won 19 of 22 games this season. Fourteen of the side playing today are former club youth team players.

TABLE TENNIS: HOLT STOPS HER OPPONENT WITH SUPERBLY TIMED ATTACKS



The eyes have it: Douglas earns his meeting with Jiang Jialiang (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Holt fights back to reach the last 16

By Richard Eaton

Andrea Holt, the new hope from Bury, produced the best win of her career to become the only English woman in the last 16 of the English Open championships at Brighton yesterday.

The England international, aged 17, came from two games down against Hung Fo Hui, of Hong Kong, seeded ninth and ranked 27th in the world, then saved two match points, and squeezed through to a 12-21, 13-21, 21-17, 21-14, 23-21 *victory.*

Holt has one of the most unusual styles in the world of table tennis. She mixes chop defence with top-spin attack and counter-attack and keeps her opponent guessing. This combination makes extra demands upon technical flexibility and tactical acumen.

Holt later lost with honour to a member of China's world title-winning squad, Jiao Xhimin, 18-21, 21-4, 21-10, 20-22, 21-10, while Lotta Erlman, of Sweden, Holt's notable victim in the quarter-finals team championships, disposed of the England No. 1, Alison Gordon.

England's other No. 1, Desmond Douglas, despite his injured toe, won in straight games *both against the Danish champion,* Jan Harkamp, and Takehiro Watanabe, of Japan, to earn a meeting in the last 16 with world champion, Jiang Jialiang.

RESULTS: Team championships: Men: West Germany bt Israel, 3-0; South Korea bt Netherlands, 3-0; Sweden bt Japan, 3-0. *Semi-finals:* China bt West Germany 3-1, Sweden bt South Korea 3-0. *Final:* China bt Sweden, 3-0: Xu Zengcai bt E Lindh, 21-19, 17-21, 21-12; Jiang Jialiang bt J Persson, 21-19, 21-19; Chen Longcan and Wei Qingguang bt Lindh and Persson, 17-21, 21-14, 21-18. **Women:** *Second round:* France bt Scotland, 3-0; Japan w/o Belgium, *scr;* Austria bt Canada, 3-0; Denmark w/o Hungary, *scr. Quarter-finals:* China bt France, 3-0; England II bt Sweden, 3-2; Japan bt USSR, 3-0; Austria bt Denmark, 3-2. *Semi-finals:* China bt England II, 3-0; Japan bt Austria 3-0. *Final:* China bt Japan, 3-1.
Singles: First round: Men: Jiang Jialiang (China) bt M Grman (Cz), 21-17, 21-11, 21-14; J Persson (Swe) bt J Rebel (WG), 21-18, 21-10, 21-18; C Prean (IoW) bt P Campagnolle (Fr), 21-15, 21-15, 21-15; T Watanabe (Jap) bt K Sanchell (Wilts), 21-19, 21-23, 21-23, 21-14, 21-16; Teng Yi (China) bt J Javurek (Cz), 21-17, 21-17, 22-24, 21-16, Y Miyasaki (Jap) bt M Stein (Isr), 21-14, 21-12, 21-9; L Kucharski (Pol) bt V Dvorac (USSR), 21-14, 21-13, 14-21, 21-18, N Meson (Surrey) bt C Slevin (Ire), 18-21, 21-13, 21-17, 21-15; E Lindh (Swe) bt S Feitzner (WG), 21-12, 14-21, 21-15, 13-21, 21-12. **Women:** K Nolten (WG) bt J Smith (Sco), 21-13, 21-12, 21-14; M Samsbury (Berks) bt T Ohno (Japan), 21-17, 21-15, 14-21, 21-15; A Holt (Lancs) bt S Rouwer (Fri), 21-16, 21-13, 21-12; M Svensson (Swe) bt J Harris (Staffs) 21-15 21-14 21-19; Bun Hui Li (N Kor) bt E Kovtun (USSR), 21-13, 21-11, 21-15; L Erlman (Swe) bt A Gordon (Berks), 10-21, 24-22, 22-20, 23-21; M Svensson (Swe) bt J Harris (Staffs), 21-15, 21-14, 21-19; V Popova (USSR) bt L Lomas (Beds), 21-14, 21-16, 21-13 *Second round:* F Bulatova (USSR) bt Samsbury 21-19, 21-18, 24-22; Dai Lili (China) bt Erlman, 21-11, 21-4, 21-9; Jiao Zhimin (China) bt S Yoshida (Japan), 21-10, 21-12, 21-8, Hodi bt Hung Hui, 12-21, 13-21, 21-17, 21-14, 23-21; O Nemes (WG) bt Svensson, 21-10, 21-17, 21-14; Li Bun Hui bt N Patel (Can) 21-7, 21-16, 21-9; Guergueltcheva bt F Elliot (Staffs), 25-23, 21-15, 21-15; R Jamoleyeva (USSR) bt H Bedard (Can) 21-5, 21-12, 21-8; Holt bt So Hung Hui (HK), 12-21, 13-21, 21-17, 21-14, 23-21, A Ishida (Japan) w/o C Batorfi (Hun), *scr*, Fresh bt Popova, 21-14, 16-21, 24-22, 21-14; Read Yang Youngja (S Kor) bt Kasalova, 21-15, 21-18, 20-22, 21-16.

HOCKEY

Stylish Cardiff beat holders

By Sydney Friskin

Cardiff and Birmingham, two newcomers to the Lada British Cities indoor championship, started well on the new Taraflex portable playing surface at Alexandra Palace yesterday. Cardiff achieved the distinction of defeating Birmingham, last year's winners, 5-4.

Birmingham were unable to settle down to a perceptible pattern and allowed Cardiff to take the initiative. Percival gave them the lead from a corner, after which their confidence grew.

Murphy and Sherwani scored superb goals from corners to give Birmingham a 2-1 lead, but Cardiff, regaining their rhythm, went into the interval leading 3-2 from well-taken goals by Tony Colclough and Rhys-Jones.

Birmingham might have been on level terms at half-time had Knott seized a chance set up by Partington.

However, Murphy levelled the score soon after the interval and after Declan Colclough had regained the lead for Cardiff, Knott made amends to equalize for Birmingham.

A brilliant goal by Tony Colclough for Cardiff proved decisive and Gowman's save on the line at a corner enabled them to survive.

Earlier, Edinburgh had beaten Leeds 5-0 in a match dominated by Yellowlees, the seasoned campaigner, who scored three goals. Leeds, with Hughes working hard in the middle, were denied an early goal from a corner when Yule saved on the line from Tony Ferns.

Neither side, however, seemed to be getting anywhere until Knapp scored for Edinburgh four minutes before the interval.

Two quick goals in the second half by Yellowlees – one from a corner – enabled Edinburgh to take a grip on the match and towards the end they converted two more corners. Knapp and Yellowlees being the successful marksmen.

London North overcame a period of early anxiety go beat Nottingham 7-3 after establishing clear mastery in the second half.

Nottingham started well with a goal by Mackney and after Manjit Flora had levelled from a corner for London North, Welch put Nottingham ahead again. But Naseem, again from a corner, and Lazlett, from open play, put London North 3-2 ahead.

McGuire scored twice after the interval for London North and when Patel increased the lead to 6-2 the result was not in doubt. Dalley cut the lead to 6-3 but Patel rounded off the scoring for London North.

RESULTS: Group A: Edinburgh 5, Leeds: *London North 7, Nottingham 3. Group B:* Cardiff 5, Birmingham 4; London South 7, Bristol 9.

CYCLING

Warm-down for Gould

By Peter Bryan

Tim Gould, top amateur when runner-up to Steve Douce, the professional, in the national open cyclo-cross championship a fortnight ago, has his final ride tomorrow before competing in the world championship next week. He leads the Midlands team, championship defenders, in the inter-regional title race at Basildon, Essex.

Deep snow on Gould's home roads in Derbyshire delayed his training yesterday but he decided to risk a slippery ride to keep his legs supple.

Tomorrow's event at Gloucester Park has five regional teams competing and would appear to be a straight fight between the Midlands and Yorkshire. The circuit, approximately one mile 600 yards, which will be ridden for one hour plus one lap, has already claimed its first victim, the organizer, Doug Ireland. He broke a kneecap when falling during a recent race there but promises to be officiating.

The three other amateurs selected for the senior world championship event, David Baker, Chris Young and Barrie Clarke, will also be in action.

Steve Douce, who scored his first Continental victory of the season in Luxembourg last Sunday, is again abroad tomorrow riding in Belgium.

YACHTING

Lawyer claims that San Diego may change boat

The view of James Michael, the former New York Yacht Club lawyer, that San Diego YC must defend the America's Cup in a similar yacht to New Zealand's 90-foot waterline challenger over the club's home waters, was disputed yesterday by the attorney retained by San Diego (Barry Pickthall writes).

Harmen Hawkins, writing in the March issue of the American magazine *Yachting*, replied to Michael's assertion in *The Times* last month by saying that San Diego have every right to *defend the trophy with a multi-hull* because the Deed of Gift of the America's Cup does not specifically prohibit such craft.

The fact that this will not make a fair match (multi-hulls are much faster than mono-hulls) is not an issue, the attorney contends. What the original donors of the Deed considered unfair was not an unbalanced match between two dissimilar yachts, but the New York club's early insistence that any one challenger had to race the club's combined fleet.

As to the venue, Hawkins points to the recent ruling from the New York Supreme Court against the City of San Diego, which tried to intercede in the dispute. Then, Judge Ciparick ruled that the city could take part only when and if the yacht club, as defender, named San Diego as the venue.

This, Hawkins views as a point in the Californian club's favour.

Consistency rewarded

Sydney – John Savage, whose steady sailing has placed him consistently in the top five, yesterday won the Etchells 22-class world championship on Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club's offshore course (Bob Ross writes).

Savage, from Melbourne, who won the championship previously in 1979, finished second in the final race, as Dave Curtis, of the United States, who had led by 5.5 points going into the race, could finish no higher than ninth. Savage finished with a loss of 34 points, Curtis 39.5, with Phil Thompson, from Sydney, a distant third on 52.7.

Timothy Patton, from Bermuda, won the last race by 35sec and finished overall fourth

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

WIMBLEDON: Triangular under-23 international: England 5, Denmark 4 (England names first: Women's singles: S Hore lost to L Sturr-Lauridsen 11-6, 11-0, S Louis bt M Christenssen, 11-6, 11-8. Men's singles: M Smith bt K Schultz, 9-15, 15-3, 15-11; A Nielsen bt C Thompson, 15-3, 8-15, 18-14. Women's doubles: C Palmer and C Johnson bt Stuer-Lauridsen and C Madsen, 15-12, 15-4; T Allwright and Hore lost to P Dupont and Christenssen, 17-16, 12-15, 15-8. Men's doubles: N Ponsing and N Wheatley lost to J Holst-Christenssen and T Kirkegaard, 15-5, 15-0; M Adams and D Wright lost to T Lund and M Gandrup, 15-4, 15-3. Mixed doubles: M Johnson and C Johnson bt T Lund and P Dupont, 15-4, 18-16).

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 101, Cleveland Cavaliers 93; Houston Rockets 116, Milwaukee Bucks 103; Denver Nuggets 115, Los Angeles Lakers 113.
NATWEST TROPHY: Birmingham 92 (Gather 23, Oghuma 23), Kingston 101 (Davis 32, Clark 16).
EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Quarter-final pools: Partizan Belgrade 85, Maccabi Tel Aviv 77; Aris Salonika 120 (Gallis 50), Tracer Milan 95.
EUROPEAN CUP (women): Semi-final pools: Sparta Prague (Cz) 76, Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 70.

BIATHLON

ANTERSELVA: World Cup 5 km event: 1, F P Roetsch (EG), (2) 29:21.6, 2, E Kvalfoss (Nor), (2) 29:40.7, 3, A Zingerle (It), (1) 29:47.8.
ANTHOLTZ, Italy: World Cup women's 5 km: 1, E Nybraaten (Nor), 20min 23.3sec; 2, M Alexueva (But), 20:27.2, 3, M-P Baby (Fr), 20:54.0.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Strachen UK professional championship final: I Williamson bt R Foldvari (Aus), 7-3 *Frame scores (Williamson first):* 150-78, 115-151, 98-151, 151-0, 150-135, 46-151, 151-56, 150-55, 151-147, 150-89.
NORTH-WEST CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: P Gilchrist (Widnes) 400, E Williams (Liverpool) 185; G Thisley (Liverpool) 400, P Dunning (Chester) 225

BOBSLEIGHING

ST MORITZ: Army two-man championships: 1, M Toul (2RTR) and N Urquhart (7RHA), 2 min 16.76sec; 2 D Bunce (REME) and D Ellis (REME) 2:17.19; 3, M West (REME) and G Smith (REME), 2:17.76.

SQUASH RACKETS

BLOIS, France. Intermediate tournament: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Vocces (Aus), 9-0, 9-6, 9-6; J Ransome (GB) bt P Pekkanen (Fin), 9-4, 9-7, 9-6, 9-0, 9-6; B Beeson (GB) bt P Kenyon (GB), 9-5, 9-6, 3-9, 9-3, M Madsen (GB) bt J Hicks (GB), 8-9, 9-6, 9-7, 2-9, 9-4; J-U Soderberg (Swe) bt S Hailstone (GB), 9-5, 9-0, 9-3; P Symonds (SA) bt P Carter (GB), 9-4, 9-7, 2-9, 2-9, 9-7; B Martin (Aus) bt P Whitlock (GB), 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-0; G Williams (GB) bt R Norman (NZ), 9-3, 5-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-3.

FOOTBALL

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Rainham Town 0, Barking 5
SPANISH CUP: Quarter-final: Real Sociedad 3, Atletico Madrid 1 (Sociedad win 4-3 on agg).

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: PGA Sunshine Circuit: *Second round: Leading scorers (SA unless stated):* 138: H Baiocchi, 67, 63. 131: F Allem, 67, 64. 133: E Darcy (Ire), 66, 67. 134: J Cyboran (US), 66, 68, D Faherty (GB), 69, 65; H Buhrmann, 64, 70. 135: T Webber, 68, 67. 136: D Durman (GB), 67, 69. 137: A Cruse, 70, 67, S Bishop (GB), 66, 71, P Harrison (GB), 70, 67, N Henke (US), 68, 69. 138: M White (US), 71, 67, P Simmons, 67, 71; M Johnson (GB), 68, 70.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Boston Bruins 6, Minnesota North Stars 1; Hartford Whalers 4, New York Islanders 3, St Louis Blues 4, Montreal Canadiens 1; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Edmonton Oilers 1; Quebec Nordiques 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; Detroit Red Wings 3, New Jersey Devils 2; Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 4.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Radley (L E Danby and M Lowery) bt Malvern (A Hiscock and D Noon), 15-8, 11-15, 15-11, 11-15, 15-4, 15-9.

SKI JUMPING

GSTAAD: World Cup, second round: 1, P Pice (Cz), 84.0 metres, 87.0 metres, 218.0 points. 2, M Tepes (Yug), 81.5, 86.5, 214.7, 3, J Wessflog (EG), 82.5, 84.0, 212.3.

SNOOKER

MERSEYSIDE CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: J Flynn (Liverpool) 3, W Gerrard (Southport) 2; D Murphy (Wallasey) 3, J Jenkins (Liverpool) 0

BOWLS

LLANELLI: Welsh women's national triples championships: Semi-finals: Merthyr bt Mertbyr 18, 17-15; Vale of Glamorgan bt Earlswood, 29-4. *Final:* Merthyr bt Vale of Glamorgan, 17-15.

Bainbridge back

Steve Bainbridge returns to Fylde's side against Harrogate today after recovering from a serious back injury. Bainbridge, aged 31, who has played 18 times for England, including two appearances in the World Cup last summer, has not played since mid-October but now rejoins Wade Dooley in his club's second row.

The Milne brothers in harness

By Ian McLauchlan

Two Scottish internationals make their comebacks to their first teams today following injury. Robertson is at centre for Melrose for the away match at Inverleith, where they meet Stewart's-Melville, while Ian Milne is in the Heriots front row that travels to Kilmarnock.

Milne will join his two brothers, David, also back from injury, and Kenneth, to make a formidable base from which to work. Lawson, the Heriots' coach, plays at scrum half in a game that should bring his side two easy points. Kilmarnock, who are at the foot of the table, have lost their talented full back, Kemp, to Gala but bring in a new tight-head prop in Lee.

Hawick, the favourites for the title, play **Selkirk** and it will be interesting to note how Scotland's devoted No. 8, Paxton, copes with the rampant home forwards. Hawick should win easily and they do need a good score to close the gap at the top of the table.

Kelso, the joint leaders, will be at full strength as they travel to Ayr where they will find the home side difficult opposition. Ayr have Brown back in the centre.

Gavin Hastings, the Scotland full back, makes his last appearance in the McEwan's national league for Watsonians at Musselburgh. The visitors are at full strength but Musselburgh have their full back, Lockhart, missing. He was injured guesting for another side in Dublin last weekend.

Laidlaw, the Scotland scrum half, is in the Jed-Forest first team for their home game with Currie. The outcome of this game will go a long way to deciding who wil gain promotion.

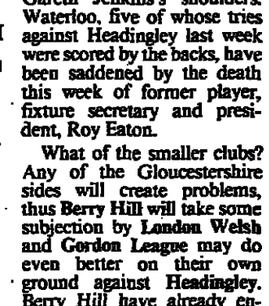
Ringland doubtful starter for Paris

By George Ace

Trevor Ringland is "somewhat doubtful" for Ireland's game against France in Paris on February 20. He has been told by a leading orthopaedic specialist not to do running of any kind for two weeks following an examination of the neck injury he received against Scotland at Lansdowne Road last Saturday.

"The specialist's instructions limit very much what I can do and at the moment I just don't know," Ringland said yesterday. "One thing is for sure: I will not be in Paris unless I am 100 per cent fit. I start intensive physiotherapy treatment today and I will be exercising daily on a static bicycle. I am still hopeful of playing but not as confident as I was earlier in the week."

Describing the incident that led to his being taken off on a stretcher, Ringland said: "I cut *inside in an attempt* to set up a ruck and when the tackles came I got myself in a ridiculous position and tried to push the ball back between my legs. The whole pack drove over me and I heard a crack. I attempted to get up but felt a sharp pain in my neck and that made up my mind to stay put. When Mick Molloy (the Irish medical officer) arrived and I told him what happened he immediately said: 'I am taking you off for X-rays.' And that was that."



Ringland: neck injured

Ringland made his international debut in 1981 against Australia and has missed only one match since, the Triple Crown game against Scotland in 1982 when he had a broken finger.

Key to championship may rest with Hearts

By George Ace

Hearts, the holders of the Ulster Senior Cup, are the key club in the run-in to the section one championship since they have still to meet both **Bangor** and **Milone**, the unbeaten pacesetters. They start with Bangor at home this afternoon, before travelling to Gibson Park on February 13.

Beaten in the Boston Cup final by Bangor towards the end of last year, Hearts will provide sterner opposition on their own patch, though two enforced changes in the pack may prove unsettling. McKee and McKeag are on holiday, and Mains, the regular No. 8, switches to lock for McKeag with Piper coming into the back row. Wallace takes *over at prop from McKee.* Bangor are at full strength, and their powerful pack, led by Rogers, Morrow and Whittle, could decide the issue.

Milone have by far the easiest task, against **CIYMS** at Belmont, *despite the absence of* Harbinson in the centre.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	5	50	good	powder	closed	cloud	2
New snow, good skiing							
Obergurgl	46	145	good	varied	good	cloud	0
New snow on firm base							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	40	90	good	powder	good	snow	-2
Powder on hard base							
Tignes	80	135	good	powder	fair	snow	-3
Heavy snowfall continuing							
Val Thorens	70	120	good	powder	fair	snow	-4
New snow on hard base							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	50	120	good	powder	poor	snow	-4
Heavy snow still falling							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	10	70	fair	varied	closed	snow	1
New snow but some icy patches							
St Moritz	35	60	good	varied	fair	snow	-4
Icy patches on piste							
Verbier	10	100	good	powder	poor	snow	-1
Snow still falling							
Wengen	20	40	good	powder	fair	snow	1
New snow on good base							
Zermatt	50	100	good	powder	fair	snow	0
Excellent snow conditions							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes, and U to upper.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorms: upper and middle runs, runs complete, but narrow, new snow, lower runs, runs complete, but narrow, with icy patches, vertical runs, 1,800ft, snow level, 2,000 ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. **Glenshee:** upper runs, only one run, (the Tiger) complete, new snow on a hard base; middle runs and lower runs, snow cover patchy, new snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1,000 ft; snow level, 1700 ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. **Glencoe:** upper runs and lower runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1400 ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, slight snow. **Lecht:** insufficient snow for skiing.

Forecast for today: mainly dry and sunny, possibly cloudier at Glencoe by dusk, but any cloud well above the summits, widespread moderate or severe frost at first, persisting on north-facing slopes, but freezing level rising to 1,500ft on south-facing slopes in afternoon, wind mainly light and variable, but near-gales moderate or fresh at Cairngorm and Lecht at first, and becoming moderate south-easterly at Glencoe by dusk. Outlook for tomorrow: sunny dry at Cairngorm and Lecht but possibly snow showers at Glencoe and Glenshee; strengthening south-easterly wind.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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Looking beyond the task in hand

From Peter Ward
Avignon

The annual meetings of Great Britain and France often seem to be overshadowed by larger objectives, and those, in Rugby League terms, are always antipodean. Tomorrow's game in Avignon is no exception. Great Britain will tour Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea this summer, and France, having cancelled their visit last year, are already talking of their preparations for 1991.

It would be tempting to view both sides as trialists for the sterner stuff ahead, but Malcolm Reilly, the coach compiling a tour squad of 32 for an announcement next week, introduces only three new caps in Loughlin, of St Helens, Offiah, from Widnes and Waddell, from Oldham. France rely largely on the team that beat Papua New Guinea last November, though do bring back two established half backs who were dropped for that game.

Of the original British selections, two of the five Wigan players — Goodway (suspended) and Gregory (injured) — have forced positional changes on two of their club colleagues; Hanley going from centre to stand-off and Edwards moving one position infield to scrum-half. Loughlin comes in at centre and Powell, of Leeds, playing his first full international after a substitute appearance two years ago, fills the gap in the pack.

The French, also, have had their problems. Lafforgue, the first choice loose forward, has a broken finger, and the acknowledged hard man of the pack, Rabot, is suspended. The dangers seem to be Fraisse, the centre, and Allieres, the Toulouse prop.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Hampson (Wigan); D Drummond (Warrington), G Schofield (Leeds), P Loughlin (St Helens), M Offiah (Widnes); E Hanley (Wigan, capt), S Edwards (Wigan); K Ward (Castleford), K Beardmore (Castleford), H Waddell (Oldham), R Powell (Leeds), P Medley (Leeds), A Platt (St Helens). Substitutes: D Creasser (Leeds), P Dixon (Halifax).
FRANCE: J-P Pougeau (St Estève); H Razier (Lezignan, capt), G Delaisney (St Estève), D Fraisse (Le Pontet), C Poss (St Gaudens); D Espagno (Lezignan), G Domes (St Gaudens); M Tisseyre (Palmiers), M Khedimi (St Estève), F Allieres (Toulouse), D Vardes (Villeneuve), P Montgaillard (Catalan), J Mollner (Lezignan). Substitutes: P Bienes (St Gaudens), P Gestas (St Gaudens).

Home sweet home for Cash

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Melbourne

Ivan Lendl has been hit where he hurts most. The monarch of hard-court tennis — he has played in six consecutive United States finals, winning the last three — was beaten 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 by Pat Cash on a similar surface in the Australian championships yesterday.

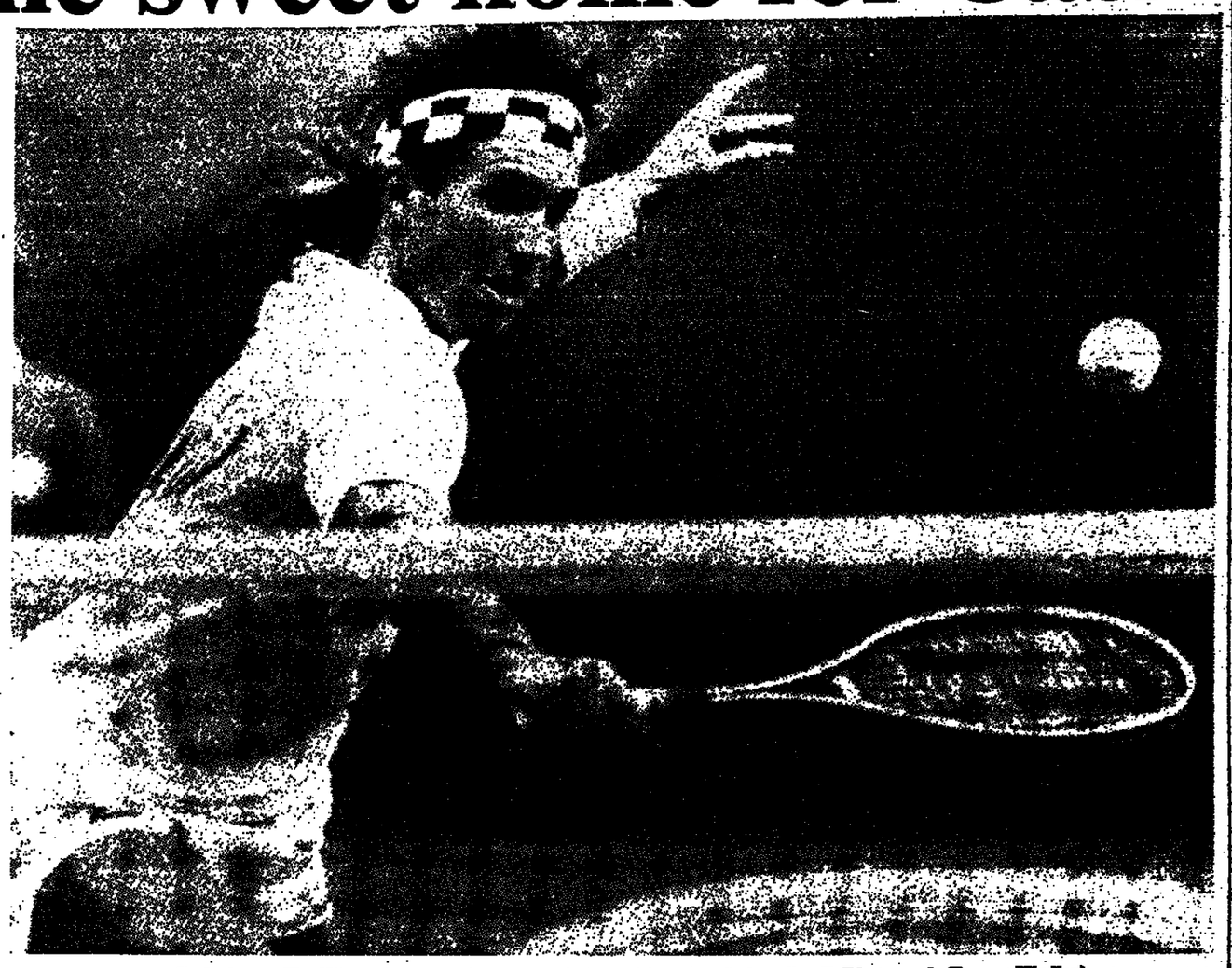
Evidently there is much to be said for working from home. Lendl lives in Connecticut and commutes daily to the US championships. Cash, a Melbourne man, has had exactly the same routine here. After a hard day the best hotel in the world is no substitute for sleeping in one's own bed.

Cash, who beat Lendl on grass in the Wimbledon final, will play Mats Wilander — runner-up to Lendl for last year's French and US titles — in tomorrow's final here. Chris Evert, who has not won a grand slam tournament since 1986 will play Steffi Graf, her successor as French champion, in the women's final today.

The men's semi-finals were long, fluctuating, often admirable matches but neither lingers in the memory as a great occasion. Wilander beat Stefan Edberg 6-0, 6-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in three hours and 19 minutes and Cash took three hours and 55 minutes to subdue Lendl. As the scores suggest, neither match achieved the nerve-twanging climax a fifth set promises.

Cash has matured into an accomplished player and, especially on the big occasions, an unflinchingly tough competitor. After yesterday's semi-final he said of Lendl: "He's always going to be tough to beat on his favourite surface. I had to play well — and I did. In the fifth set it was getting down to a battle of fitness and concentration. The guy's renowned for that, but I came out on top. I feel pretty good."

Lendl said he had done all he could to reach peak form. "It's frustrating and upsetting when you put all that work in and don't win. But Patrick would have felt the same. On some of the big points he served very well and I couldn't make the shots I wanted to make. I had a lot of chances and if I had taken some of them it might have been different. But he played very well and the crowd pumped him up when we were both tired."



Cash charge: The Wimbledon champion seeks to build on his net profit from Lendl (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

The basic contest was between Lendl's violent ground strokes and Cash's volleying. Lendl's racket had a pink grip, which made one wonder what Tarzan would have looked like with a rose in his hair. There were no pastel colours in Lendl's tennis. Some of his forehands flew down the court like shells. But his timing was fickle.

Cash, initially shaky on the forehand, charged the net at every opportunity — usually behind a service or a chipped backhand. He mixed his services cutely and was agile and explosively aggressive in the forecourt.

Before losing the first set Lendl had two break points for a 5-4 lead but missed the targets (not by much) with a blazing passing shot on each flank. And in the first game of the fifth set he had four break points. "That was a very big game," Cash said. "If he'd had an early break in the fifth set after winning the fourth, he would have been hard to stop."

But Lendl did not get that break: and in the sixth game Cash broke Lendl, mainly because of some marvellously athletic forecourt play. Lendl's chance had gone. For the second year running Cash will play a Swede in the final. Last year it was Edberg, who beat him. This time it will be Wilander, who was technically sounder and tactically more flexible than Edberg yesterday.

Edberg is a classic exponent of the service and volley. But he made a rotten start (only 10 points in the first set). His serving was not good enough and his confidence was eroded by 12 foot faults. The eleventh mattered most because it put him 0-2 down in the fifth set.

It was unusual to see the sleepily placid Edberg become visibly cross — just as it had been unusual, throughout the match, to see Wilander (when particularly happy) give a private Swedish salute that did not rise above neck level. It made a change, Wilander explained, from punching the air.

Finally, we may link Cash's advance to the final with the fact that yesterday I met three great Australians: Margaret Court, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall. I bumped into Rosewall down Collins Street, where he explained that at the age of 53 he was recovering from the first injury of his career: and its consequence, an operation on the shoulder of his racket arm.

"The Little Master" will be back on court in a month or so. Such players are living history — and history becomes more and more fascinating as one moves closer to being part of it.

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: P Cash (Aus) bt I Lendl (Cz), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-0, 6-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: M Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt S Graf (WG) and E Smylie (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; C Evert (US) and W Turnbull (Aus) bt Z Garrison and B Potter (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.
MIXED DOUBLES: Semi-finals: Tim Gullikson and Miss M Navratilova (US) bt D MacPherson and Miss J Thompson (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; J Pugh (US) and Miss J Novotna (Cz) bt M Davis (US) and Miss M Van Der Torre (Neth), 6-2, 7-5.

● INDIANAPOLIS: The United States hard court championship, to be held in Indianapolis from August 1 to 7, has been added to the men's Grand Prix schedule for 1988.

END COLUMN

Tragedy of the steroid menace

By Howard Foster and John Goodbody

The international struggle against drug-taking in sport took a frightening new turn yesterday when it was disclosed that the Aids virus has been diagnosed in two Americans who shared needles with others for the injection of hormone drugs.

Phillip Halpern, the Californian attorney who successfully prosecuted David Jenkins, the former British Olympic athlete, for his involvement in a drugs ring, warned that unless Britain tightens its legal controls on anabolic steroids, similar tragedies could occur here. Halpern said the Aids diagnoses were made recently in Florida and Los Angeles among communities where — as in Britain — body-building has become a popular social activity.

Halpern, accompanied by Dennis Degan, a senior United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officer, yesterday completed a week-long investigation in Britain into links between the United Kingdom and the United States in the traffic in steroids.

The Times disclosed in November that Britain had become a major staging depot in the international network of drug smuggling, and that the US was a target for the British and European dealers.

"We are here due to the fact that steroids are no longer a national problem," Halpern said yesterday. "They involve the international smuggling community, and no longer can it be said that one country has a problem confined within its own borders."

Halpern, who works for the Department of Justice, has been investigating major drug



Halpern: investigation

rings for three years, including the million-dollar network involving Jenkins. "We have closed a few doors but, sadly, a few others have opened in their place," he said.

The two Americans have spent the last few days interviewing the British team tracking down drug dealers. They are returning to the United States armed with details that will help them in the fight against what is now seen as drug-taking of epidemic proportions among American athletes and schoolchildren from their mid-teens.

The problem has become so serious in the US that mandatory teaching about steroids has been introduced in some states. The FDA is about to launch an expensive poster and leaflet campaign to warn high school and college students that steroid-taking can cause grave physical and mental damage.

The Sports Council have launched a limited leaflet campaign in this country, where it is still not illegal to possess steroids without a prescription. This goes against the law in many American states.

The FDA has been running a campaign in the United States to bring to public attention the illnesses, sometimes fatal, related to steroid taking, particularly without medical supervision. So widespread is the habit that "steroid psychosis" — the state of mind induced by the effect of steroids — has been used in court by lawyers on behalf of defendants.

Halpern also told *The Times* that counterfeiting of steroids was now the worst problem in the US.

"In some cases, the drugs may be produced by illegal operations, or even in someone's bath tub," Halpern said. "There is a big health risk here because the counterfeit drug may be super-potent or under-potent."

Investigations in Britain have shown that counterfeiting is already planned on a large scale for this country by dealers who have access to raw materials supplied from legitimate laboratories.

● There was an objection in the House of Commons yesterday to the Second Reading of Liberal MP Menzies Campbell's private bill to make possession of steroids without a prescription a criminal offence. It will now be debated on May 13.

A week of progress for officials

If Rugby League officials were Cheshire cats, David Oxley and Maurice Oldroyd would have spent this week grinning from ear to ear (Keith Macklin writes). It has been a week of continuous green lights for expansion in both the professional and amateur codes.

Oxley, the secretary-general of the Rugby League, has reported that world finals will be held in Los Angeles and Tokyo, and that Australian clubs are banned from signing Britain's 1988 touring players.

Oldroyd, the national administrator of the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA), was amazed when Kells, the Cumbrian amateurs, attracted 6,000 to their home preliminary-round tie in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup against Leeds — the biggest crowd at the Whitehaven ground since 1972. Leigh Miners Welfare, another amateur club, attracted 3,508 for Hunslet's visit in the same competition.

Another boost for the amateur game comes with the news that the BARLA National Cup has a record 190 teams entered from all over Britain.

Elton John to stay in charge of Watford

By Clive White

Elton John, the Watford chairman and rock singer, took his club off the transfer market yesterday for the "foreseeable future" rather than allow it to become the vehicle for other people's publicity exercises.

Disillusioned by a decision taken by his fellow Football League chairmen this week which prevented him from selling his 92 per cent shareholding in the the club to Robert Maxwell, John has chosen to stay in control at Vicarage Road.

He said in a statement: "I have always said that any transfer of my shares would be done with the interest of the club at heart. These interests are not served by having our name connected with speculative stories in the media — and apparently interested parties using them for publicity."

On Thursday, David Morritt, the chairman of non-League Wealdstone, declared that he was going to bid for John's £2 million shares with a view to a ground-sharing scheme linked to his own company's plan to build a supermarket. "We never received an official offer, merely an inquiry, from the chairman of Wealdstone," John said in his statement.

A week ago Paul Raymond, the show business impressario, made an unlikely but much-publicized entry into the arena, though Paul White, of Hanover Druce, the company who were handling the sale of Watford, insist that the only genuine offer came from Maxwell.

John had hoped that Maxwell would come to his rescue, but the League chairmen voted on Monday to adhere to the policy of one man, one club. Maxwell is already chairman of Derby County and his son, Kevin, is chairman of Oxford United.

The League chairmen decided that the tighter regulations on dual shareholding would not be retrospective, but it meant that if Maxwell wanted to buy Watford he would have to sell most of his shares in Derby and Oxford, not to mention Reading, in which he had a 30 per cent interest.

Eddie Plumley, Watford's chief executive, said: "The decision to withdraw from the market will have a stabilizing effect on every aspect of the club. The names and rumours with which we have been connected have obviously been unsettling, and we can now get back to business as usual without undue outside interference."

The news will be a particular boost to Steve Harrison, the new manager, who had serious misgivings about accepting the job because of the uncertainty surrounding the club's future.

Harrison, who was preparing his side to face Nottingham Forest at Vicarage Road today, said: "I'm absolutely delighted by the chairman's decision. This settles the whole thing down at the club right from the top. Hopefully the next time we are in the headlines it will be because of what we have done on the field."

Games off as snow takes grip

The pools panel will sit today after 10 games were called off yesterday because of snow in the Midlands and heavy rain elsewhere. Inspections will take place this morning at a number of other grounds.

The only first division match definitely off is Coventry City against Luton Town. Highfield Road was covered in five inches of snow yesterday. Snow also ruled out the second division fixtures at Birmingham (v Millwall) and West Bromwich (v Leeds United). A waterlogged pitch at Portman Road caused the postponement of Ipswich Town's second division game against Blackburn Rovers.

The other coupon games called off were: Fulham v Chester City; Mansfield Town v Sunderland; Colchester United v Hereford United; Rochdale v Torquay United; Wolverhampton Wanderers v Peterborough United; St Albans v Slough.

Two John Player Special Cup third round Rugby Union matches were also called off — Lichfield v Bath and Coventry v Tynedale.

Kankkunen spurns the victory laurels

From Jeremy Hart, Dakar

The Paris to Dakar rally ended yesterday in the chaos that had accompanied it for much of its 8,000 miles and 22 days. Juha Kankkunen was never meant to win it and he accepted it, right up to the finish yesterday, when he snubbed rally organizers by avoiding the victory celebrations on the beach at Dakar.

Kankkunen was handed victory after Ari Vatanen, his fellow-Finn and last year's winner, had been excluded by motor sport's governing body, FISA. Kankkunen admitted that Vatanen was the moral victor. "I have finished second and Ari is the winner," he said.

To publicly denounce his victory, Kankkunen attempted to drive through the crowd lining the final few yards of the route and by-pass waiting officials, cameramen and champagne on the victory ramp. Unable to break through the spectators, he roared on to the ramp, sending surprised officials running, and proceeded straight off the far side without acknowledging the end of the rally.

Just hours before the finish in Dakar, the death toll climbed to six. Two Mauritanian women, a mother and daughter, were killed at Rosso on the Mauritania-Senegal border on Thursday night when they were hit by a camera car following the rally. Observers reported that the two women failed to see the oncoming Press vehicle on a main road. These fatalities bring to 26 the total number of deaths of the rally's 10-year history.

On hearing the news of the latest deaths, Jean Todt, director of rallying for Peugeot-Talbot, said he was relieved to have reached the end of a tiring catalogue of traumas for everybody. He said: "I am not happy, far from it. The whole saga is immoral — the point is that a rally is not just about looking for a winner, it's about spirit. Ari Vatanen is the winner, in everybody's mind . . . Juha drove beautifully but he is second."

Vatanen, still in shock, modestly acknowledged that he was the rally's deserving victor. "No one passed me competitively on the rally," he said. "I won't suffer as a result, but it is unfortunate. Normally speaking, I'd like to come back, I don't know about next year, though I'm not afraid of the challenge."

A certain double victory eluded Vatanen when his car was stolen in Bamako, Mali, earlier this week.

● Eddy Orioli, of Italy, on a Honda, won the motor-cycle section of the rally. Another Italian, Franco Picco, on a Yamaha, was second, with the Frenchman, Gilles Lalay, on another Honda, third overall.

● PARIS: A French pressure group has renewed its call for a ban on the rally following yesterday's two deaths (AFP reports). Pa'Dak, which links 250 associations opposed to the rally, called for a total ban on the event.

FINAL OVERALL RESULT: 1, J Kankkunen and J Piironen (Fin), Peugeot 42hr 39min 33sec; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, 2:51:44 behind; 3, P Tambay (Fr), Range Rover, 5:03:16; 4, M Smith (US), Range Rover, 5:52:08; 5, G Miller (Kenya) Range Rover, 7:01:55; 6, A Ambrosino (Fr) Peugeot, 7:44:01; 7, G Ratet (Fr) Toyota, 8:55:54; 8, J Tjaterman (Neth) Mitsubishi, 9:53:28; 9, G Delacheire (Bel) Prototype, 10:40:59; 10, C Riviere (Fr) Toyota, 10:43:11. Timed stage: M'Bove to Kayar (Stage 1, Delacheire, 22:10; 2, H Pescarolo (Fr) Peugeot, 7sec behind; 3, G Dupard (Fr) Range Rover, 1:54; 4, G Colsoul (Bel) Mitsubishi, 1:55; 5, J Fonseau (Fr) Mitsubishi, 1:58; 6, Tambay, 2:08; 7 equal Kankkunen and Ambrosino, both 2:13; 9, Shinozuka, 2:27; 10, Tjaterman, 3:18. Kayar to Dakar (final): 1, Ambrosino, 24:19; 2, Smith, 0:02 behind; 3, Tambay, 0:32; 4, M Jolineau (Fr) Buggy, 0:43; 5, Kankkunen, 0:54; 6, Tjaterman, 1:45; 7, Shinozuka, 2:03; 8, Colsoul, 2:45; 9, Miller, 2:50; 10, R Raymonds (Fr) Range Rover, 3:40.

Lyle aiming to get his putting back on line

From John Ballantine, Palm Desert, California

Sandy Lyle was hoping yesterday that the putting touch which deserted him during his disappointing 71 in the second round of the Bob Hope Classic at La Quinta would return for his third round on Arnold Palmer's difficult PGA West course yesterday.

The Scot knew only too well that every missed putt was pushing him further down the field, and when he got back to the clubhouse he discovered that Dan Forsman, aged 29, from Wisconsin, had taken over the lead from Jay Haas and that he had sunk to joint ninth place.

"My putter behaved disgracefully today," the former Open champion said. But Lyle knows that it is the man behind the putter who is responsible for its effectiveness; some players could putt better with the back of a broom than others with the finest putter made.

In contrast to Lyle's lighthearted remarks about his club which, after all, had served him only too well during the 26 times he used it in his 64 on Wednesday, Forsman said: "My putter felt very good."

This big, strong fellow was the winner of the most birdies division in last year's statistics — he had 409 in 33 tournaments — and he described his 62 at Indian Wells as "a day I'll never forget".

Steve Pate, of California, who won the rain-shortened Tournament of Champions last week, moved menacingly into joint sixth position by adding a 68 to his earlier 66, with Bob Tway also entering the frame.

It will be difficult to estimate who is the true favourite until all the leaders have played the four courses and the 70 front-runners move to Indian Wells for tomorrow's last round.

Ken Brown began with two birdies on that course and was three under par with three to play before he hit the branch of a tree at the 354-yard 16th to take a six and finish with a 70.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 136: D Forsman, 68, 62. 137: J Haas, 63, 68. 138: J Mahaffey, 68, 65; K Perry, 67, 66; J Haller, 68, 65. 134: D Hammond, 67, 67; L Thompson, 69, 65; S Pate, 68, 66. 135: A Lyle (GB), 64, 71; R Tway, 69, 66; P Azinger, 67, 68; S Hoch, 68, 66; A Magee 65 70. Other British score: 143: K Brown, 73, 70.

Budd denies racing in South Africa

Zola Budd, twice world cross-country champion, will pledge her loyalty to Britain in an interview to be broadcast during today's ITV coverage of the Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships from RAF Cosford (John Goodbody writes).

Miss Budd also denies allegations that she has recently competed in South Africa. "This is the last thing I would do. Besides, I have not seen any results of myself in the paper so I am definitely sure that I have not raced," she says.

On the question of whether she is spending too much time in her native South Africa rather than in her adopted Britain she says: "I do not think it is question of spending more time in Britain. It is probably a matter of spending less time in South Africa. I can spend the rest of my life in America or Australia or in any other country I choose as long as it is not in South Africa.

"I spend a lot of time in South Africa, especially last year, because of my injury and my family. I am also trying to get academic qualifications so I can get into university in Britain."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bound for Calgary

Craig McNicoll, aged 16, of Irvine, Strathclyde, the British and Scottish junior champion for the past two years, will represent Britain in speed skating events at the Winter Olympics in Calgary.

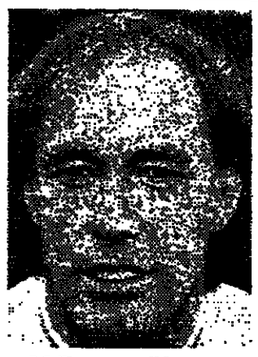
Announcing his selection, a spokesman for the Scottish Speed Skating Union, said: "He is without doubt one of the most outstanding young speed skaters Britain has ever produced, and is the youngest competitor in international speed skating competitions."

Speedway first

Lisa Whiberley, aged 17, has become the National Speedway League's first contracted woman rider now that the "men only" rule has been abandoned.

James retires

Kevin James, aged 29, the Hull winger, has lost his two-year battle against injury and has decided to retire. The former Welsh B Rugby Union international, has had two Achilles tendon operations and been plagued by hamstring problems.



McIlroy: possible move

Austrian lure

Sammy McIlroy, the former Northern Ireland captain, is considering a move to Austrian football. The former Manchester United, Stoke City and Manchester City midfield player now with Bury, of the third division, has been the subject of a £20,000 bid from the Austrian first division club, Modling.

New posting

Colorado (Reuter) — Baaron Pittenger has been named executive director of the United States Olympic Committee, replacing Dr Harvey Schiller, who has decided to take up another post.

Hornets sell

Rochdale Hornets have sold their Athletic Ground stadium to the Hull-based property development company, Wright Properties, which wants to build a supermarket on the site in a deal that could be worth £2.5 million to the club if council planning approval is given.

Marking time

The British Speedway League is staging a series of internationals between England, Denmark, Sweden and the United States, in April, to mark the sport's sixtieth anniversary in Britain.

Slatter out

Helen Slatter, of Kelly College, has withdrawn from the Yorkshire Bank England swimming squad for the Coca Cola meet in Paris from February 5 to 7 with a virus complaint.

Legal hitch

Legal complications delayed yesterday's proposed takeover of Manchester United basketball club. Richard Greenwood and his business associate, David Kay, now hope to finalize the purchase of the club from his chairman, Martin Edwards, early next week.